

## Sadat and Assad to hold 'reconciliatory' summit in Riyadh

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent  
Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and his Syrian counterpart Hafez Assad have agreed to meet in a reconciliatory summit in Riyadh next month, the Saudi Arabia news agency reported last night. The agency said that King Khalid of Saudi Arabia and Emir Sabah of Kuwait would also attend the summit.

Egyptian Prime Minister Moudouh Salem and Syrian Premier Mahmoud Ayyoubi are scheduled to meet in the Saudi Arabian capital next week to prepare for the summit, planned to mend differences between the two countries. The relations between Egypt and Syria have been strained since Cairo concluded the Sinai Interim agreement with Israel last September.

Meanwhile, reports from Damascus last night said that plans were being made to convene a reconciliation meeting between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Observers last night noted that the Arabs might now mount a collective Middle East diplomatic offensive following these reconciliatory conferences. The observers added that indications were that Syria might review its earlier objections to renew the mandate of the UN peacekeeping force on the Golan Heights at the end of this month.

Informed sources in Damascus also said that President Assad will go to France in June for the first visit by a president of Socialist Syria to a Western country.

The sources said that the "substantial improvement" of the situation in Lebanon and the "success scored recently by the Syrian peace initiative" encouraged the French and Assad to arrange the visit, originally planned for March but cancelled at the last moment because of the Lebanese crisis.

The sources said that President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in reiterating his earlier invitation had suggested that Assad now come to Paris for three days beginning June 17. Assad welcomed the invitation, and decided to take with him "a very important delegation," the sources said.

(See leader, back page.)

## Three slightly hurt in T.A. cinema blast

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL-AVIV. — A charge which exploded in the last row in Cinema One, near the seafront here, slightly injured three people last night.

They were rushed to the Hadasah hospital and two were discharged after receiving first aid. They are Shaul Mor, 32, from Metztara and Shlomo Bar Sela, 30, from Rishon.

Ya'akov Stern, 45, from Givatayim who received a skull injury was hospitalized. A hospital source said last night his injury was "slight."

Police found parts of a pipe and a detonator which were taken for examination. Spokesman Avraham Kahani told reporters the charge was apparently inserted into a 10-cm-long pipe.

Four Arabs who were in the area were detained for interrogation.

Fifty-eight people were in the hall during the first performance of "The Red Baron."

Yosef Dimbort, 62, a cinema employee, said he had stood at the back exit when the bomb went off at 7.50. People raced out and pushed him down the steps. Dimbort injured his leg when he tried to get up and people knocked him down again as they escaped. He returned to the cinema after he was bandaged.

Two Hagia men tried to close the cinema's door hoping that the person who smuggled the bomb would be caught inside. But the attempt failed when the public forced its way out, police reported.

One Hagia man, Moshe Hestem, 50, told reporters he had made a body check at the door on men and examined women's handbags.

Reporters who arrived at the cinema shortly after the explosion were shown a chair in the left corner of the last row where the bomb exploded. Pieces of wood were seen on the floor.

The blast did not prevent about a dozen people from going to the second performance which started late.

## Two terror rings smashed in Gaza Strip

GAZA. — Military authorities yesterday announced the breaking up of two more terror rings in the Gaza Strip, bringing to five the number of such cells smashed in the administered areas in the past few months.

On March 12 security forces apprehended six residents of the Jabalya refugee camp in the northern Strip who had joined the pro-Syrian A-Saika terrorist group. A short while later 12 more terrorists from Jabalya, members of the Popular Liberation Front, were arrested.

Some of the suspects have admitted to throwing Molotov cocktails, burning tyres and daubing slogans on walls. They were arrested before they could put into operation plans to carry out more serious offences.

Unlike the West Bank, the Gaza Strip has generally been quiet since the past few months. Military sources indicated that this was probably due to the continuing economic prosperity in the area, resulting from full employment. (Itim)

## Sinai prospecting head tells Knesset c'ttee U.S. oil partners inexperienced

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
The nominal head of the Southern Sinai oil exploration project told the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday that officials had not told the Government the real situation about the technical know-how and experience of the American partners to the scheme.

The oil prospecting head, Dr. Michael Kisch, who was forced to take three-months' paid leave because he objected to the agreement



Soviet UN ambassador Jacob Malik gestures as he accuses U.S. officials of backing anti-Soviet Zionist activities and charges pro-Israel terrorists operate in New York without fear of punishment. Israel envoy Chaim Herzog grimaces as he takes notes during Malik's speech on Monday. (See story — Page 4) (UPI telephoto)

## Senate compromise aid bill approved

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Senate foreign relations committee yesterday approved a two-year foreign aid authorization bill that did not include several of the foreign policy restrictions incorporated in the earlier fiscal year 1976 authorization bill, which President Ford vetoed last Friday.

The House international relations committee was also meeting yesterday on a two-year bill, which, if eventually approved by the Congress and later signed by the President, would authorize funds for Israel and other foreign aid recipients during the 1976 and 1977 fiscal years. Separate one-year appropriation bills would also have to be passed.

Because of Ford's veto, the House and Senate must now speed up the legislative process and approve the two-year authorization bill before the end of June, when Israel is due to repay large-scale debts for U.S. military purchases during the preceding year. Without the funds contained in the foreign aid bills, Israel would find it extremely difficult to meet those payments.

Israel is slated to receive some \$2.2b. in the regular fiscal year 1976 foreign aid bill, another \$550m. in the three-month transition quarter, and some \$1.5b. in the regular fiscal year 1977 package.

President Ford vetoed the 1976 bill because of what he maintained was "unwise" restrictions it mandated on U.S. foreign policy. He was especially concerned over the \$9b. ceiling on annual foreign arms sales and the anti-discrimination provisions included in the measure.

## Agnew says 'Jewish cabal' takes charge in Congress

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — Disgraced former U.S. Vice-President Spiro Agnew, who resigned under a cloud because of tax evasion, said yesterday that the news media had never been fair to him and that there was a Zionist influence among the media and a "Jewish cabal" in Congress.

Agnew, making his first television appearance since resigning three years ago, said on the NBC's "Today" programme that he would not advise young people to start a political career at the moment, because it was a time of a weak presidency, with "everybody in Congress a star."

He also said that "Israel's taking over the Golan Heights was improper."

He attacked "Israel imperialism" and "Israel intransigence" and complained that the U.S. media "overlooked" these matters.

The "Zionist lobby," he charged, was forcing the U.S. to conduct a "disorganized Middle East policy" and was not permitting America to be "even handed" in its approach to the Arabs and Israel. The media is much "too sympathetic" to Israel, he added.

The former Vice-President, who gave the interview in order to publicize his new book, shocked the American Jewish community with his accusations, which were widely seen as crude anti-Semitism. Agnew, who has been employed by various Arab countries since leaving office, was known to have become an Arab sympathizer during the past three years, but his comments yesterday surprised everyone.

Agnew praised Saudi Arabia as "pro-American" and accused the press of not being able to differentiate between Arab countries — because of "Zionist" influence.

## Lisbon Premier to run in June election

LISBON. — Portugal's premier, Admiral Figueiredo de Azevedo, said yesterday he would probably run for president in the June 27 election. If he does, it could mean a tough battle between left and right.

The admiral told reporters he would stand if there would otherwise be only one potential winner — which is how it looks at the moment. He said the new Portuguese democracy could not allow one strong candidate to stand alone.

Until now, the only strong contender was army chief of staff General Antonio Ramalho Eanes, 41. He is expected to run with backing from more conservative elements.

Observers saw Admiral Azevedo's move as a left-wing response.

Gen. Eanes welcomed the prospect of a contest with the premier and said: "It is advisable to have various candidates so that the Portuguese people can conscientiously make a choice after open debate."

(Reuters)

## Turkish students clash in two towns

ISTANBUL. — Right and left-wing student factions armed with guns and steel bars, fought each other in two major Turkish towns yesterday in renewed campus violence that has claimed 30 lives since last November.

About 20 youths were detained.

File picture of Jeremy Thorpe, who quit as leader of the British Liberal Party on Monday. He is seen with his wife Marion, former Countess of Harewood, at Liberal Party assembly in September, 1975. (AP radiophoto)

British Liberals ask Jo Grimond to return

LONDON. — Britain's Liberal Party, shaken by a scandal which forced the resignation of its leader Jeremy Thorpe, last night invited back the man who relinquished the job nine years ago.

The invitation went to 62-year-old Jo Grimond, who has remained in the background as a rank-and-file Member of Parliament since 1968.

The silver-haired Grimond, a widely-respected figure who held aloof from the controversy over Thorpe, said he will give his reply today.

The invitation was issued by 11 of the 13 Liberal members holding seats in the 635-member House of Commons.

Liberal party Chief Whip Alan

Beith said the invitation to Grimond was not to return merely as a caretaker leader until a new party chief can be chosen. "It is to be party leader to lead it into the general election," he said.

Thorpe resigned on Monday after a three-month battle against what he called a "campaign of demagoguery" and a press "withholding" over allegations by a former male model that they had a homosexual relationship about 15 years ago. Thorpe denied the allegations.

He had led the party since January 1967, boosting its fortunes in the February 1974 elections, only to see support then begin to fade away.

(Reuters, UPI)

# U.S. angered at reports Israel plans settlements

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. yesterday again expressed its opposition over the establishment of additional Israeli settlements in territories captured during the 1967 Six Day War, and expressed hope that press reports from Jerusalem that the Israel Government was currently drawing up plans for large numbers of new settlements were not correct.

State Department spokesman Robert Fumeth told reporters yesterday that the U.S. was not aware of the decision by Israel to establish additional settlements in the territories, as reported yesterday in "The New York Times" and elsewhere.

"We hope these press reports are not correct," he said. The spokesman, asked what the U.S. would do if the reports were true, replied: "We'll cross that bridge when we get to it."

Even before the State Department conveyed its displeasure over the report to the Israel Embassy here, American officials were letting it be known that they strongly oppose any plans by Israel to build new settlements.

Most observers here noted yesterday that if the Israel Government eventually goes ahead with such plans, it could set off a major confrontation between Washington and Jerusalem. The U.S. has made its position clear, and reiterated it yesterday: settlements in the occupied territories are "obstacles" to the Middle East peace process and illegal according to the Geneva conventions on warfare.

Spokesman Fumeth yesterday told reporters that U.S. Ambassador William Scranton's Security Council address on the settlements last March still reflected the U.S. position.

Privately, American officials were extremely disappointed in the Israel Cabinet decision on Sunday, which was generally regarded here as a "non-decision" because it put off the difficult question of additional settlements until a future date. The report in "The New York Times" yesterday, which was the lead headline of the day, angered officials here, who were seeking clarifications from Israel.

Arab delegates at the UN Security Council yesterday, who were still drafting a resolution condemning Israel practices on the West Bank, were reported to be anxious now to include a statement condemning any Israel settlements there — and to weaken the rest of the resolution — so that the U.S. might avoid casting its veto. As of late last night, no draft resolution had yet been completed.

The "Times" report, written by Jerusalem correspondent Terence Smith, said that plans for the new settlements were outlined, complete with maps, charts and budget estimates, during Sunday's 10-hour Cabinet meeting. Three hours were devoted to explaining future plans for settlements.

He said that the National Religious Party was inclined to go along with the Cabinet's compromise because of these new plans.

American officials yesterday were privately saying that it would have been Israel's best long-term in-

terest to establish tough principles even at this late date against any additional settlements. By failing to do so at this time, a future rift between the U.S. and Israel may develop.

American officials were pleased by the anti-settlement demonstration in Tel Aviv last week, but added that the "silent majority" in Israel that would probably agree to suspend additional settlement schemes in the hope that the peace process might continue was not being vocal enough in conveying its views to the Rabin Government.

In an editorial yesterday, "The New York Times" commented that the Rabin Government was "only piling up problems for future policy-makers and for the course of Israel-United States relations" by putting off the difficult decision to stop building new settlements.

## Emunim moots Kaddum decision with Hammer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Gush Emunim leaders Hanan Porat and Gershon Shafat yesterday had a two-hour meeting with Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer and the NRP Young Guard leader Yehuda Ben Meir to discuss the implications of the Cabinet decision on Kaddum.

No details were available, but it is understood that similar consultations will be held again.

Mr. Ben Meir told The Post yesterday that he did not consider Kachav Hashnhar (a Nahal outpost north-east of Ramallah) as a suitable substitute for Kaddum. "Kachav Hashnhar is an important position which should be settled, but it is not in Samaria proper," he said.

Kaddum settlers have announced they would leave their present site only for another place in Samaria. Last night the Young Leadership division of World Mizrabi decided to hold its convention this summer at the Gush Emunim settlement at Kaddum.

## Tremors rock West Greece

ATHENS. — Two strong tremors rumbled through western Greece yesterday evening, causing panic but no damage or casualties, police said.

A quake registering 6.2 on the open-ended Richter scale was registered at 8 p.m. with an epicentre near the Ionian island of Zante, 300 kms. west of Athens, the Athens Observatory said.

The second tremor occurred 10 minutes later in the same region and registered 5.5 on the scale.

Police said persons scurried out of their homes in panic throughout the areas of Ithia and Achaia.

Meanwhile, two earthquakes jolted southern Italy yesterday. The shocks were felt on upper floors of buildings in much of the south, including the cities of Naples and Taranto. No damage or casualties were reported. (AP, UPI)

## Peres tells Knesset: No Cubans, Koreans in Syria

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

There are no North Korean or Cuban soldiers in Syria. Such soldiers were there during and after the Yom Kippur War, but they were withdrawn fairly recently, Defence Minister Shimon Peres told Amnon Linn (Likud) at question-time in the Knesset yesterday.

Peres also told Linn that although he was aware of contacts between France and Egypt about the sale of 100 Alpha-Jet aircraft, there was as yet no confirmation that the deal had been finally signed.

He told Boaz Mevav (CRM) that in 1972, the head of the Nature Preserves Authority had asked the Israel Air Force to fly a load of wild asses in from Africa for the Eilat-Bar Freser, on a training flight, and the then Air Force chief had agreed. Peres indicated that the Authority was not charged for the flight.

The Minister told Shulamit Aloni (CRM) that in future, when soldiers were hospitalized with injuries, the Army authorities would notify the

family automatically, unless the soldier himself objected, and put his objection in writing. Hitherto, Peres said, the Army had encouraged the soldier himself to notify his family so as not to worry relatives, by sending an official representative of the IDF.

He told Tawfik Toubi (New Communists) that Israeli Arab students would no longer be allowed to study at the Bir Zeit College (near Ramallah) because of the "extreme anti-Israeli incitement" propagated on the Bir Zeit campus.

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## Education chief fired in China

SHANGHAI. — A senior official at Shanghai's Fu Tan University said yesterday that Chinese Education Minister Chou Jung-hsin had been "removed from office" but could not confirm reports that he was dead.

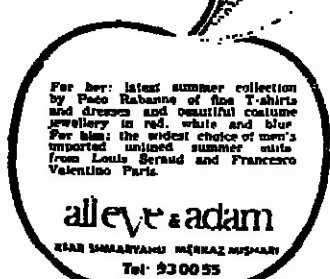
Chou was the first target of the anti-rightist campaign which culminated five weeks ago in political riots and the dismissal of Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping. He has not appeared publicly since January and there have been conflicting reports in Peking of his fate. (Reuters)

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Golan	10-22	10-20
Nahariya	15-24	13-22
Safed	13-23	12-21
Haifa	17-25	15-23
Tiberias	14-23	12-21
Nazareth	14-23	12-21
Afula	15-27	13-24
Shomron	17-20	15-22
Tel Aviv	18-24	15-22
B-G Airport	14-24	14-24
Jericho	17-20	15-22
Gaza	17-27	15-25
Beerseba	17-20	14-27
Eilat	24-33	20-31
Tiran	26-34	22-32

Social and Personal

Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner met yesterday with the members of the Israel Bond Boston Delegation at the Hilton Hotel in Jerusalem.

Dutch Ambassador Christian Arrens yesterday paid a courtesy call on Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren.

Technion president Amos Horev has been elected chairman of the University Presidents Committee, succeeding Haifa University president Eliezer Rafeali.

The Kiryat Shmona Town Council yesterday decided to name a street in memory of the late David Elazar, in appreciation for his activities on behalf of the security of the town and the state.

Asher Mariv, editor of the "Migvan" Labour Party monthly, has been appointed deputy chairman of the Board of Governors of Beit Berl, a religious college of the party.

A get-together of readers of the "Oron" monthly, the only Hebrew Braille magazine in the world, was held yesterday at the Bilu school in Tel Aviv.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Nof Hotel, 1 p.m. today.

The national journalists convention will begin at 4 p.m. today at Jerusalem's Beit Agnon. Justice Minister Haim Zadok and Mayor Teddy Kolek are to address the gathering.

Ya'acov Doron, director of the Latin-American Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will speak on "The Law of the Sea" at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club tomorrow, 1 p.m. at the YMCA.

President 60 tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Ephraim Katzir's 60th birthday tomorrow will be marked by a symposium at the Jerusalem Theatre organized by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

It will include a lecture (in English) by Prof. Philip Handler of the National Academy of Sciences in the U.S., and one by Prof. Nathan Rotenstreich. Prof. Rotenstreich is to speak in Hebrew following a protest by Gula Cohen, MK against plans for the symposium to be conducted in English.

Members of the Cabinet will call on the President on Sunday, following their weekly Cabinet meeting, in honour of his birthday.

Kuwait fails to bar Israel from int'l bank meet

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Kuwait has failed in its attempt to prevent Israel's participation in the forthcoming meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank in Mexico. This was disclosed yesterday by Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sanbar prior to his departure for the meeting.

Sanbar pointed out that Israel would be participating in the bank's sessions for the first time as its smallest shareholder. Kuwait, as the largest owner of the bank's shares, had made its participation conditional upon expulsion of Israel from its ranks.

"Israel's South American friends refused to bow to this dictate," the governor said.

On his way to the meeting Sanbar will stop over in New York for talks with heads of the First National City Bank.

Two boys, woman killed on roads

NAZARETH. — Two young boys and a woman were killed during the last two days in traffic accidents.

Haim Kadash, 14, of Upper Nazareth, was knocked off his bicycle on Monday by a jeep coming from the opposite direction. He died later in hospital.

A lorry yesterday hit nine-year-old Ayed Ashlaha of Khan Yunis as he was crossing the main highway in the Gaza Strip. He was killed on the spot. The driver, Shalom Al-Tut of Beerseba, was released on IL5,000 bail by the Ashkelon Magistrate's Court.

Ida Masur, 50, of Moshav Beit Ezra near Ashkelon, was run over by a commercial van and killed on Monday afternoon while crossing the road near the entrance to the settlement. The driver, a resident of Gaza, was held for questioning. (Iim)

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IL13b. more for shipping and ports in next 10 years

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

A total of IL13,000m. is to be invested in the merchant marine and the ports over the next 10 years, not all of it from government sources, Transport Minister, Gad Ya'acobi announced in Jerusalem yesterday.

Most of the money will be spent on new ships. Israel companies will buy 30 new ships in the next five years, bringing the fleet to about 125.

The Transport Ministry is demanding that shipping and aviation receive export incentives similar to those granted to industry. The Treasury, is reluctant to do so, the minister added.

Although the added value in shipping is relatively low, it has been increasing from 10 per cent in 1966 to 26 per cent in 1975. The price of the dollar added value is extremely small — about IL2.60. This, Ya'acobi said, gives sufficient grounds for his claim to introduce export incentives.

The Ports authority is to invest IL4.5b. over the next 10 years,

mostly to improving facilities for containers and other modern forms of cargo carrying. The use of containers has increased enormously, from 80,000 tons in 1970 to over 800,000 tons in 1973 and 1.128 million tons in 1975, or 40 per cent of the total cargo.

Criticizing the public attitude towards port workers, Ya'acobi said that in 1975 their productivity increased by 13 per cent in Haifa port, 12 per cent in Eilat and 8 per cent in Ashdod. While the quantity of cargo handled has doubled since 1965, the labour force in the ports increased by only 22 per cent.

On the pay of air and sea crews, the minister anticipates difficult negotiations concerning the tax on their foreign currency earnings. In the meantime the crews are receiving similar pay to last year's. He declares that fares in public transport will not be increased in the near future. Therefore, in accordance with the recommendations of the Golomb Committee, the subsidy to the transport companies will be increased.

No end yet to partial strikes in civil service

Jerusalem Post Staff

The income tax and customs workers on partial strike over their specific allowances cuts yesterday promised to say by tomorrow whether they will stop their go-slow.

They met with Treasury Director-General Amnon Gafny yesterday. He requested that they accept the Barak Committee conclusions — which abolished their specific pay increments — and the wage agreement signed between the Government and the Histadrut.

The workers in the customs, income and property tax departments have been refusing to cooperate in measures to implement Value Added Tax and in new steps to get after tax evaders.

The strikers are fighting the Government's Histadrut agreement abolishing their specific allowances. But at the meeting with Gafny they denied they were carrying out sanctions.

After the meeting, Yosef Silberman, a works committee leader, told The Jerusalem Post that "if

they want us to take upon ourselves new tasks — they should negotiate with us. They should compensate us for more work."

The strikers in National Insurance branches (who spurn contacts with headquarters) will meet tomorrow with institute director-general Amram Silvan and the secretary of the Civil Servants Union, Haim Bernstein, in an attempt to put an end to their dispute.

The Treasury, it was learned, has not been discussing what steps to take if the job action continues beyond tomorrow. Gafny merely expressed the hope that the workers would accede to the request.

The Government has few if any means at its disposal to deal with such partial strikes. It could fire the workers; but this could bring on a full strike or lead to long and complicated court actions. It is thought that the only practical step the Treasury could take — if the sanctions go on — would be to cut out all overtime work, so as to cut in the workers' earnings.

Paper menagerie sent up by Jerusalem kite lovers

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A menagerie of soaring birds, slithering snakes and fluttering butterflies — made of paper, bamboo, cloth and string — populated Jerusalem's overcast skies for two hours yesterday afternoon, during the second annual Israel Museum kite contest.

With a gusty wind and raindrops that held off just until the end of the awards ceremony, the weather proved benevolent for the 200 kite lovers (builders and watchers) who turned out for the now-traditional event.

Kingshu Phan, the Chinaman of the fourth century BCE credited with building a paper bird that flew for three days, would have been proud of the entries in the contest. Hexagons, parafalls, a diamond with an Israeli flag for a drone, compound bats and tetrahedra trailing ribbons of colour competed for air space over the museum, occasionally getting entangled and pulling each other down.

First prize, carrying with it a two-way ticket to Eilat (donated by Arkia), was won by Dr. Eliezer Astrinsky, a former South African immigrant and electronics engineer, for his modified "Indian Fighter" kite. Its wing-spread stretching out four metres, the blue-and-black bird-like creature maintained a stable position over the rest.

Ophir Zemer, a seven-year-old boy from Jerusalem, took second place and a flight to Haifa, with a winged box kite, whose aerodynamic perfection was helped along by his artist father.

The seven-member Cohen family from Rehovot (from five-year-old Adi to his grandfather), whose seven kites managed to remain untangled in the turbulence, won third place

A young spectator sits on his mother's shoulder to get a better view of the pretty flying things. (Ben-Ami, Sunphoto)

and a trip to Tel Aviv with a modified winged box kite. (Neta Cohen of the same family was second prize winner last year.)

As the Youth Orchestra played and the names of parents and children who had misplaced each other were announced, the kite flyers pulled down their crafts reluctantly to earth.

Israel bridge team loses 0-20 to Swiss, beats Iran to stand 7th

By TANNAH HIRSCH

Special to The Jerusalem Post

MONTE CARLO. — Israel's fortunes slumped as the 5th World Bridge Olympiad reached the 9th of 45 rounds.

Israel suffered a letdown in its 8th round match against Switzerland, who have taken over 1st place. A 4-1 trump break in a grand slam could not be overcome, and Israel suffered its first shut-out of the tournament, the Swiss taking all 20 points in the state.

In the 9th round, Israel recovered

some ground by defeating Iran 17-3. The ranking, after the 9th round: Switzerland, 161; Sweden, 148; Gt. Britain, 147; Italy, 141; Poland, 136; Argentina, 128; Israel, Brazil 119; France, 118.

Israel's women's team fared even worse. They could win only three of 40 victory points in their third and fourth matches, and with a total of 30 VP's were 18th in a field of 21 teams.

Leading scores after four rounds: France, Gt. Britain 62; Denmark, 58; Ireland, Italy 51; US, 50.

Noisy tennis banned

TEL AVIV. — An injunction forbidding playing tennis at the Neve Avim sports club during the afternoon hours, in the early morning and at night was issued yesterday by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

Local resident Dan Hasson claimed that the constant thuds of the balls and the players' loud cries some five metres from his balcony constituted a constant disturbance. During the summer, Hasson told the court, he had to choose between closing his shutters and windows and suffering "the heat of hell," or opening them and enduring "the clamour of hell."

U.S. Pioneer Women plan world centre in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV. — More than 300 delegates to the 50th anniversary conference in Israel of Pioneer Women of the U.S. yesterday paid tribute to the memory of Beba Idelson, long-time leader of Moshav Ha-poalot/Pioneer Women, and pledged to raise the funds necessary for construction of the Beba Idelson World Centre for the Pioneer Women Movement.

The conference delegates met at the site of the proposed world centre, opposite the District Court here, adjoining Beit Shalom Aleichem, and were addressed by Tamar Bahel, secretary-general of Moshav Ha-poalot; Charlotte Stein, president of the Pioneer Women of the U.S.; and Esther Zuckler, past president of the American group. Mayor Shlomo Lebat, in a telegram to the gathering, pledged the municipality's support for the project.

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Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen rises to greet an honoured caller — 101-year-old Rabbi Moshe Epstein. Leningrad's last rabbi, Epstein came to Israel three months ago with his wife, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. Epstein was imprisoned for "anti-Soviet activity" during Stalin's regime and swore after his release in 1954 that he would one day get to Israel. He is now living at the Mevasseret Zion absorption centre. (Eliyahu Harari)

'Country's farmers are working harder and producing more'

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Agriculture Minister Aaron Uzan yesterday gave the Knesset some of the best tidings it has heard in a long time: the country's farmers are working harder, producing more and are even setting world records in agriculture.

Surveying the ministry's work Uzan also lavished praise on Israel's Arab, Druse and Beduin farmers who, he reported, "are now in the midst of an agro-technical revolution we started among them in the mid-sixties."

He told the House agricultural exports grew by 40 per cent last year, to \$300m., and that growth was continuing. Behind this accomplishment, he said, was the Agriculture Ministry's unceasing efforts at increasing farmers' efficiency and ensuring them a fair return for their hard work.

He said the Agriculture Ministry's ongoing programme of training is indeed paying off, especially in the minority sector. "Here's a bit of news I am especially happy to report to the House," he stated. "This season, for the first time since establishment of the State, our Jewish farmers have yielded first place in production of celery — for export and domestic use — and scallions."

"Israel's Arab farmers are now in the lead, and have established a world record in growing these two crops. In fact, their average yields per dunam are 5 per cent above those of California's top vegetable growers."

In a progress report on the Arab farmers in the administered areas, Uzan said the average annual income for Judea and Samaria farmers had risen from \$180 to \$666 in the past seven years, and in the Gaza Strip had reached \$732 last year.

But Israel's galloping inflation is hurting farmers inside the "green line," he claimed, as prices fetched by agricultural produce fail to rise at the same rate as the farmers' costs. A major factor among production expenses is renewal of underground irrigation piping networks, with some 60,000 dunams of such networks having to be replaced annually.

Commenting on Minister Uzan's remarks, MK Mattatiah Drobles (Likud) asserted that the country's urgent water problem could be alleviated if more funds were allocated for research on collecting and storing rain and snow waters, better techniques of re-using water and improved methods of irrigation technology.

The Tora Front's Shlomo Gross called on the Government to encourage many more young people to take up farming as a career. The income "isn't too bad," he said, "and besides, every new farmer means an easing of our dependence on imports for our basic food commodities."

Moshe Shahal of the Alignment used the opportunity of yesterday's discussion to attack the Agriculture Ministry for "permitting the wholesale produce markets to continue to

operate in open violation of the law." Claiming the ministry was powerless to control agricultural produce marketing, he charged that in some instances food business middlemen were receiving "hundreds of per cent" in commissions.

Pessah Grupper (Likud) used his speaking time for a political declaration. Referring to the current controversy over Jewish settlement in the administered areas, he asserted: "Similar to the Law of Return, we must also have a law that ensures every Jew the right to settle anywhere in our homeland."

Grupper's sentiments were seconded by fellow Likud deputy Yigal Cohen, who argued, "The basic problem in Israeli agriculture today is the absence of a clear-cut Government policy on massive settlement of thousands of young men and women eager to settle the land."

Aharon Efrat of Mapam said Israel could be proud of its farmers, who have been constantly raising their yields despite the fact that no new water has been going for agriculture since 1962.

In his reply to the debate, the Minister told Shahal: "Your speech is only demagoguery. Demagoguery is all right for a person who has nothing to contribute to the public good."

At this, Shahal got up and walked out, calling to Uzan on the way: "In view of the situation I described, I don't think you should have made that sort of comment in this House."

Ady Parag named to Olympic swim team

By PAUL KOHN

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ady Parag, 17, of Kibbutz Ein Harod was named yesterday as the first swimmer to make Israel's Olympic team, following a record-breaking swim in California on Sunday.

Parag set an Israel record of 58.9 seconds for the 100-metre butterfly. He thus beat Avraham Melamed's record of 1969 by two seconds. Parag also set a new Israel mark in the 200-metre butterfly, with a time of 2:11.1 minutes — nine-tenths of a second better than Melamed's record.

Four of Israel's top swimmers have been training intensively for the past six months at Pasadena College, Los Angeles, under U.S. national team coach Ron Salatore. They are, besides Parag: freestyler Dan Brenner, 23, and medley swimmers Dov Nissman, 19, and Ron Kerman, 17. All four are probable for the Olympic team to Montreal. On their way back from the U.S. they will compete in an eight-nation competition in Cardiff, early in June.

Brenner also set two Israel marks on Sunday, covering the 100-metres freestyle in 54.8 seconds, and 200 metres in 2:00.6

minutes. Brenner held the previous records and bettered his own times by four-tenths of a second and nine-tenths of a second, respectively. However, the Ha swimmer is still four-tenths of second outside of the Olympic minimums.

Gymnast Dov Lupi, 26, of Kibbutz Sarid is another athlete currently training in the U.S. who is certain for Israel's squad to Olympics, according to Shm. Lalkin, secretary of the Israel Sports Federation and a lead member of the Montreal select committee.

Five years' jail for Defence man who took bribe

TEL AVIV. — Former Defence Ministry employee Michael Itzin was yesterday sentenced to five years in prison by the District Court here, after admitting to having received bribes while he was head of the air equipment department of the ministry.

Itzin was charged in a Defence Ministry corruption probe over a year ago, together with Y. Meiron of the ministry's control and instrumentation section, Hav-Seren Meir Ben-Aharon, having accepted tens of thousands of pounds in bribes from industrialist Amnon Avni, owner of A.G.Y. hydraulic engineering or pany at Kiryat Gat. Itzin admitted to having received IL80, from Avni in return for placing defence orders to the value of IL10m. with the latter's firm. Meiron has denied receiving a similar sum from the plant owner.

Six Defence and Transport Ministry employees were indicted in August for bribery and fraud involving Avni's firm.

Treasury says tourist cheques already exist

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Treasury officials denied yesterday that anything is unclear concerning the use of tourist cheques to pay hotel bills.

Tourists who pay their hotel bill either in foreign currency or through the special tourist cheque account will enjoy a 25 per cent reduction on the price. This arrangement in force as of May 1, and not May as reported in yesterday's Post.

banks, according to the official have already received the cheque which are in fixed sums of IL1,500 and IL1,000.

The Treasury is at present considering issuing such cheques smaller sums too. In the meantime these special cheques cannot be used to pay for other services, such as car hire. The Treasury has decided that this service should also be payable with the special cheques. Knesset approval is still necessary. Tourists who pay for rented accommodation in foreign currency will continue to enjoy the customary lower price.

Hawaiian court orders sale of Mandarin Co.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A Honolulu court yesterday ordered the sale of Maruti Fruit Carriers refrigeration Ltd. Mandarin Co., which flies to Israel flag. The order was given on the request of a California bank, one of the company's creditors, to raise money to cover a debt.

News of the court ruling was telephoned to the Marine Officers' Union by the Hawaiian lawyer who represented the union at the hearing. Union secretary Adam Chisk said the attorney had received the court's permission for the 28-man Israel crew to stay on board until the end of the month, and an order that the wages be met from the proceeds of the sale.

Yesterday morning the union signed an agreement with the direct of MFC's Haifa office, ensuring the ship's officers continued employment by the company. They will continue to draw full pay, and be considered permanent company employees, until new berths are found for them on other company ships, placing foreign officers employed there.

Sa'ad irrigates electronically

SA'AD. — An electronic irrigation system, the only one of its kind in the world, went into operation recently at Kibbutz Sa'ad.

The system, developed by the Motorola company, enables the watering of several crop areas from one central point. Every one of tens of thousands of taps and pumps in the fields and orchards can be individually monitored from the control room. A computer automatically registers any problem, wherever it may occur in the system.

If the wind is blowing so much water away that it is not worthwhile to irrigate, the computer will automatically shut down that section of the system until conditions improve.

Three kibbutz members are responsible for operating the unique system, which cost IL1m. They said that since the introduction of the new system the kibbutz has saved water, increased harvests and cut down on manpower hours. (Iim)

Allon rebukes Meir Kahane

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon yesterday said all Jews should dissociate themselves from statements by Rabbi Meir Kahane threatening increased violence against Soviet diplomats.

Kahane, former leader of the Jewish Defence League, warned Monday of "kidnappings and possibly worse" of Soviet diplomats in the U.S. and Europe unless the U.S. took a firmer role in support of Soviet Jews.

In a strongly worded reaction released by his spokesman, Allon said Kahane's threats "may only alienate important partners" in the campaign on behalf of the right of immigration by Soviet Jews.

Allon said threats of violence "are intolerable in themselves and greatly sabotage the struggle of the Jewish people" for Soviet Jewry. He pledged that Israel "will continue to conduct a persistent and energetic campaign to free prisoners of conscience" from the Soviet Union.

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The Israel Police requests the aid of the public in its endeavours to find a missing person:

ANGELINA ROSENBAUM, father's name Paul, last seen at the Arlossoff Railway Station, Tel Aviv, on April 22, 1976, since when whereabouts are unknown.

Description: age 28, height 160 cm, build slight, eyes brown, short hair, forehead high, complexion dark. Speaks English.

Anyone who knows her whereabouts or has seen her since April 22 is asked to inform the Police Command, Missing Person Bureau, Tel. 05-37111 ext. 276, the nearest Police Station.



## '140,000 unemployed by 1980' Koor offers plan to avert economic crisis

By GIDION ESHET  
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Israel's economy faces an unavoidable crisis, as exports cannot grow sufficiently to cover the decline in foreign aid expected in the next five years, and unemployment will grow to large proportions, according to a report by Koor economists.

The Koor study criticizes the Treasury's five-year plan, saying it is over-optimistic about the prospects of capital import. The plan, says the study, thus predicts a larger Gross National Product, lower unemployment and higher consumption than should be forecast.

In order to achieve a healthier economy by 1980, the Koor experts advocate a 3 per cent reduction in public spending during each of the next five years; reducing defence imports by 8 per cent this year, by 18 per cent in 1977 and by 7 per cent each year after that; and reducing private consumption by 1 per cent in each of the next two years — allowing it to rise later.

A great push should be given to exports, they say, advocating an annual increase of 14.5 per cent. They estimate that adoption of this plan would reduce the balance-of-payments deficit from the present \$4,000m. to \$1,760m. by 1980.

The Koor economists, evaluating the current Treasury policy without referring to it by name, say the Government will have to find some \$1,600m. over and above the money from "regular sources" in the next five years. "It is questionable whether this can be achieved," they write, "because the foreign capital will not be at hand."

Both the Government plan and Koor's will cause large unemployment. According to the Koor plan, unemployment will decline after 1978 — though they do not specify figures. It was learned, however, that the economists feel the Government's policy will produce 140,000 unemployed by 1980, with a slow decline in the number afterward, while as a result of the Koor plan, unemployment will grow to 90,000 by 1978, and decline to 65,000 by 1980.

The larger unemployment due to the Government policy will come from the shortage in foreign capital, which will mean a shortage in purchases of raw materials. A large boost in exports, as per the Koor plan, will produce a larger supply of foreign currency, which will prevent this from happening.

To achieve the export increase, the Koor economists advocate a large devaluation of the Israeli pound. According to the Bank of Israel, last year's real devaluation (deducting inflation's effects) was about 3 per cent and Koor feels it should be much higher.



Industrialist Gershon Rosow of Tel Aviv did not wait for the city to send its inspectors to carry out a demolition order against an addition he had put up without a building permit on his Ramat Aviv penthouse. He hired a crew himself to tear down the illegal structure yesterday. His son (right, above) supervised the demolition work.

## 'Extreme leftists' incited Monday's riot in Jaffa

By SARAH HONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — "Extreme left-wingers" helped stir up the riots in Jaffa's Maronite neighbourhood Monday, following attempts by city inspectors to tear down two illegal structures, according to the District police spokesman.

He said that these "left-wingers" took advantage of the projected demolitions and used them as a pretext for agitation which had nothing to do with the buildings put up without permits.

The disturbances, which broke out Monday morning, resulted in day-long rioting. By nightfall, Rehov Ma'apilei Salvador, where the disturbances took place, quieted down and the inspectors completed the

demolition of both the 300-square-metre warehouse erected by Tanus Yasa and the 110-sq.m. garage put up by Zakak Salim.

Ten policemen were slightly injured. The spokesman would not elaborate on the identity of the agitators, but he said the owners of the structures did not instigate the disturbances themselves. "On the contrary, one of them had even started tearing down his own building," the spokesman said.

He told The Jerusalem Post that the seven persons arrested during the riots would soon be released, and that charges would "probably" be brought against them. All are neighbourhood residents, he added.

The city spokesman told The Post that the demolitions were initially scheduled to take place on March 30. But since that day was designated by some Israeli Arabs to protest land expropriations in Galle, the city yielded to requests from the Prime Minister's adviser on Arab affairs and postponed it.

On Sunday, the city received an appeal from the Ministry of Religious Affairs to postpone the demolition again; but this time Mayor Shlomo Lahat put his foot down, arguing that a further postponement would achieve nothing.

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## Terrorist gets 22 years

DDA — Louis Nafis Abdu, who was convicted of attempting to plant a bomb at Ben-Gurion Airport on July 18 last year, was earlier this week sentenced to 22 years in jail by a military court here.

The court stated that the accused, resident of Nabulus, was recruited to the Fatah while studying at the University last year. After extensive training he was sent home in order to carry out terror attacks. He was told where to find caches of arms and explosives and instructed to act in accordance with the messages broadcast by the Fatah radio.

In connivance with his father, a rose trader, Abdu also smuggled across the Jordan River 85 detonators concealed in horses' harnesses, and an accomplice, Ahmed Nassar, used the detonators to blow up a car.

On July 18 the two left Nabulus for an airport but were stopped at a checkpoint by a policeman who decided to search their car.

## ACRE LABOUR COUNCIL CHIEF: Steel City problems not workers' fault

By YA'ACOV ARDON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE — Public accusations and undercharges on the problems of Steel City here continued yesterday, with the secretary of the local labour council, Yitzhak Haziza, sharply criticizing recent statements by Koor general manager Meir Haziza, himself a former works committee member at the controversial plant, said Amdt's charges against workers were "unfair and unreasonable."

He said a committee of the very same problems as exist at the plant now had been appointed in 1963; but since then the plant had a succession of managers, serving in office for about two years each, with each one instituting his own policy and methods. "They cost the company tidy sums," said, "You cannot blame it all the workers."

Koor's spokesman in Tel Aviv, however, yesterday cited the report of a German technical expert who studied the Steel City operations last fall. The report presented a picture of lack of discipline and violation and of negligence among the workers, and warned that operations would soon break down in such a state of affairs.

According to Haziza, all the staff from operators to engineers —

work and are paid by an incentive system approved by the Productivity Institute two years ago.

"We do not oppose workers' mobility. Though Amdt does not mention it, 35 workers have already been transferred to the foundry from the rolling mill" including the eight men who protested because "they are religious and will not work Saturdays," he said.

Haziza said it was not pleasant for men to work in a losing enterprise, especially when the work is so hard. The plant, he added, employs veteran workers, some of whom are invalids or partially disabled. There have been seven accidental deaths there, and a safety committee exists only on paper.

In the past — with the old equipment — the company made money, Haziza added. The introduction of new equipment, at an investment of IL100m., has changed this — because the company did not have a training scheme for operating it.

On the other hand, charged Haziza, the company has ignored proposals by the works committee for economizing. These included getting rid of seven of the nine senior staff members and eliminating company cars, which cost IL25,000 each per year.

## Lands office starts mailing notices of expropriation

By YOEL DAR  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE — The Lands Administration has mailed out several thousand official expropriation orders to Jewish and Arab owners of land in Galilee who own plots approved for expropriation by the Government, for development purposes.

The orders include an invitation to call at the Administration offices, to negotiate the compensation to be paid for the land. The mailing was started following publication of the expropriation plan in the Official Gazette.

First reports showed that many Arab owners have already applied to the Administration for details and additional explanations on the expropriation. The negotiations were reported to be "businesslike and friendly." Attempts to incite the recipients to return the orders have failed. It is learned that a new occupation has sprung up — "mediators" between the owners and the Lands Administration.

On the other hand, the "Committee for the Protection of Arab Lands" is continuing its efforts to have the plan rescinded. It calls for the expropriation of 18,000 dunams, including 8,000 owned by Arabs and the rest by the State and by Jews in the Safad area.

On Friday, the Rakah Arabic daily "Al-Ittihad" published poems inciting against the expropriation and against the State in general, written by "popular poets" in Galilee. One of them, Ami Esbelt of Rama, was arrested and questioned for two days on his poems, which he read at various public events. He was later released on bail. The poems read their works before any handy audience, and are now making the rounds of wedding celebrations in Galilee.

A senior Government official reported that when he stopped his car to ask directions from some children in Galilee last week, they shouted: "Speak Arabic, this is an Arab country."

Premier Yitzhak Rabin has agreed to meet a nine-man committee of Arab local council heads on May 24, to discuss problems of the Arab population with them.

They will raise the expropriation issue, it was learned.

## 'Ha'aretz' asks court to order printers to work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The labour court here will today consider a request by "Ha'aretz" to order its printers to resume normal work.

Yesterday's and today's editions came out thanks to a temporary back-to-work order. The newspaper appeared in smaller format yesterday because the court's decision was issued late at night.

Shlomo Kamal of the printing works committee told The Jerusalem Post that the dispute was over management's decision to suspend a worker who had told his boss "you're not even worth a spit."

IL5,000 national photo competition

A IL5,000 national photographic competition has been announced in memory of Jonathan-Adam Kammer, infant son of U.S. press photographer Elyahu Kammer.

The competition is open to all local photographers, professional or amateur. First prize will be IL5,000, second IL1,500 and third IL1,000. Entries close on 31st August.

Jonathan-Adam was killed in an air crash in 1972 and his father set up a fund to finance the competition in his memory. The competition will be held under the auspices of the Government Press Office, the Tel Aviv Journalists' Association and the Press Photographers Association.

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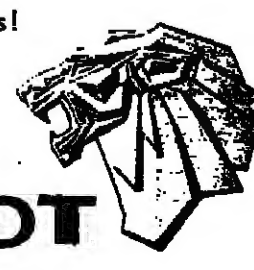
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Birniya Hilwa from the Druse village of Dalat al-Carmel receiving her Worker of the Year award from Labour Minister Moshe Baran. (Eli Shmider)



Sonya Lak, Selange Weizman, Penina Even-Chen, Linda Devash

## 'Worker of the Year' awards to 5 women

Labour Minister Moshe Baran yesterday awarded prizes to five outstanding women workers, including the first Druse woman in Israel who went to work outside her home.

The awards went to women who, in the opinion of the panel of judges, achieved exceptional results in at least 10 years at their industrial jobs. All five began as ordinary labourers and, through perseverance and training, rose to senior positions at their places of employment. All the women, who received IL1,500 each, are mothers of at least three children.

Birniya Hilwa, the first Druse woman to receive the Labour Minister's award, has six children. She manages the Gibor sewing workshop at Dalat al-Carmel and was the first Druse woman who worked outside her home.

Linda Devash, mother of three, is the personnel and production manager of the Froumin plant in Enei Brak. A Sabra, she has been employed at the factory for the past 22 years.

Sonya Lak has been at the Amron electronics plant in Herzliya for 16 years and currently serves as its production-line manager. Originally from Poland, she has three children.

Selange Weizman was born in Morocco and has three children. She is the production manager of the Faberge section of the Lon factory in Yerushalem, where she began work 11 years ago.

Penina Even-Chen has five children. She is a building technician in charge of 17 building supervisors. She has been working for the Central Region Local Planning Committee for the past 17 years.



At Security Council debate

## Malik renews call for return to Geneva

UNITED NATIONS. — The Soviet Union on Monday issued a new call for the resumption of the Middle East conference in Geneva.

In a speech to the Security Council, Ambassador Jacob Malik also insisted on Palestinian participation in the conference which, he said, could be held in two stages. The first would be devoted to organizational matters and the latter to a peace settlement.

The Soviet envoy spoke on the third day of the Council debate on the recent unrest in the Israeli-occupied territories and the Israeli response to the disturbances.

Malik did not appear to break any new ground with his statement. He repeated calls for an Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied in 1967, the right of the Palestinians to their own state and international guarantees for the "security and inviolability" of all states in the region.

Malik, pounding the table and brandishing what he said was a copy of a telegram threatening his life, told the Council "fascist Zionist Madas" have carried out terrorist acts and made threats of murder, explosions, hijackings and kidnapping against the Russians in this country "with direct condonement on the part of the officials of the host country."

He said the Soviet mission in New York has been shot at four times, but those responsible have not been punished.

U.S. delegate Tapley Bennett promptly rejected Malik's charges and said "to charge us officially of complicity in and encouragement

of such acts is, I submit, sir, a statement unworthy of a representative of a major power."

Malik singled out Rabbi Meir Kahane of the militant Jewish Defence League as the man responsible for a number of alleged terrorist acts. He said he forwarded threatening telegrams bearing the JDL address, to the U.S. mission for action.

Bennett, the number two man in the U.S. mission headed by Ambassador William Scranton, said he was glad to see Malik has "returned to this chamber in full vigour" after weeks of absence recuperating from an auto accident.

"I regret to say it seems his vigour has carried him to some hyperbole. Some of the statements in the latter parts of his remarks are baseless and surely he knows they are," Bennett said.

Chinese representative Lai Ya-li told the Council that the situation in the Middle East was "excellent" because Israel now found itself in "unprecedented isolation."

In the final analysis, the "dire sufferings" of the Arab and Palestinian people in the occupied lands were due to the rivalry of the super-powers, he said. A fundamental solution lay in the elimination of super-power interference, restoration of the national rights of the Palestinian people and the complete withdrawal of Israel from all occupied territories, the Chinese delegate said.

The 15-nation Council also heard representatives of Kuwait, North Yemen and Syria before adjourning until this afternoon. (AP)



Police overwhelm a demonstrator during riots in Frankfurt on Monday by people protesting the death in jail of anarchist Ulrike Meinhof. Seven policemen were injured, two seriously, in the protest. In Glasgow yesterday, police drew up special plans following a threat that a pro-Baader-Meinhof gang is planning to set off two bombs at the European Cup soccer final there today. (AP radiophoto)

## Spanish rightists call rally, challenge king

MADRID. — Spanish right-wingers yesterday openly challenged the government of King Juan Carlos by calling a mass rally to honour the late Generalissimo Francisco Franco and to protest government promises to democratize Spain.

The call was issued by the most powerful of the right-wing groups, the 500,000-member Federation of Veterans of the 1936-39 civil war that brought Franco to power. It was issued without waiting for government permission to hold the rally.

The veterans clothed their appeal in language highly critical of the government. They pointedly avoided mentioning the king, who is believed to be a driving force behind the plans for reform.

They said the rally will be held May 20, exactly six months after Franco died at the age of 82. "For six months we have wit-

nessed, with surprise and indignation, not only a change in the signs and origin of the regime, but as well offences and insults against a man whose memory is intact in the soul of all honourable Spaniards," they said.

The appeal was issued after a weekend marked by political violence in several parts of Spain.

In the Basque region, police said they foiled an attempt to free political prisoners from San Sebastian's Martutene jail.

Police said discovery of the plot followed a night-time shootout between police and Basque separatists near the prison that injured at least one person.

Police said they found a camouflaged well from where the separatists had tried to dig a 150 m. tunnel to the penitentiary's sewage system, and arrested five alleged separatists. (UPI)

## Turkey wooing Arabs at Islam meet

ISTANBUL. — Turkey, trying to improve relations with Arab governments in an effort to win their support for its position in Cyprus, is playing host to the Islamic Foreign Ministers conference, which opens here today.

At the start of pre-conference technical meetings on Monday, Turkish Foreign Ministry secretary-general Sukru Elekdogan pledged support for the Palestinian cause and urged similar backing for Turkey's position to retain its forces on Cyprus.

Turkey maintains diplomatic relations with Israel in defiance of calls at previous Islamic meetings for severance of those ties. The issue could arise at the conference along with the question of a Palestine Liberation Organization bureau in Turkey.

The PLO has cordial relations with Greek Cypriot President Makarios, and a bureau in the Greek sector of the island.

Until recently, Turkey opposed signing the Islamic Charter and was represented at Islamic conferences only at the Foreign Ministry level. Although 99 per cent of all Turks are Moslems, it is a secular nation with Western laws. It intends to sign the charter and become a full member, subject to approval by its parliament.

Despite the conference's purpose to reaffirm solidarity among the 550 million Moslems represented here by 41 governments and six organizations, thorny bilateral issues and regional conflicts divide the participants in many areas.

It took an emotional issue — the arson at the Al-Aksa Mosque in Jerusalem — to bring Islamic states together. The first conference, at head-of-state level, convened in Rabat in 1969 with 24 countries attending.

With others joining, the number has risen to the present 41 states, with even Uganda, where Moslems are a minority, acquiring membership status.

On the conference agenda are discussions on the status of Jerusalem, Middle East problems in general and the Palestinian question in particular. (AP)

## Pro-Guevara group kills Bolivia envoy in Paris

PARIS. — Bolivia's ambassador to France, a general who led the successful hunt to kill revolutionary leader Che Guevara, in 1967, was murdered at point blank range yesterday and a group calling itself the Che Guevara Brigade claimed responsibility for the attack.

In telephone calls to news organizations, a spokesman said the brigade shot Gen. Joaquin Zenteno Anaya, 53, with the same weapon it claimed to have used in seriously wounding the assistant Spanish military attache, Capt. Bartolome Garcia Plata Valle, in an ambush last October at his Paris apartment.

General Zenteno, Anaya, 55, former Bolivian foreign minister and army commander-in-chief, was killed by two pistol shots as he walked from his embassy to his official car parked nearby, police said.

Eyewitnesses said the gunman, wearing spectacles and a black beret, stalked the ambassador for a few metres, drew level with him just outside a pavement cafe, then opened fire at close range.

The assassination occurred by the Bir-Falkem bridge over the River Seine at almost the exact spot where Armenian Liber Army gunmen killed the Tu ambassador to France last October. Zenteno, Anaya, then a division commander, led the vanguard forces which tracked and killed Che Guevara nine days later. (AP, Re)

Gen. Zenteno Anaya

## Around the world

### Smoke gets in your eyes

WASHINGTON. — Marijuana eyedrops effectively relieve symptoms of glaucoma and are ready for tests on people suffering from the disease, researchers say. But those taking the drops will have to put with a side-effect — getting high.

Dr. Keith Green, a researcher at the Medical College of Georgia, science writers Monday that animal tests show liquid marijuana "is good or better than any anti-glaucoma medication currently available."

Glaucoma, a leading cause of blindness, is a condition in which fluids of the eye don't drain properly, causing a buildup of pressure in the eyeball. The marijuana works by causing blood pressure in the eye to lower, he said. Reducing blood pressure causes less fluid to be forced into the eye.

### Egyptians hunt Libyan agents

CAIRO. — Egyptian security authorities yesterday appealed to public to help find six Libyan agents alleged to be responsible for recent bombings in Alexandria and in Egypt's western desert.

The appeal, published in "Al-Ahram," said the six were part of a 11-man sabotage team. Five of the alleged agents were arrested recently, the newspaper said. (Reu)

### Power plant slated for Jeddah

FRANKFURT. — A group of West German, British and Saudi Arab firms has won a DM1.1b. (IL3.30b.) order to build an oil-fired power station and desalination plant at the Red Sea port of Jeddah, it announced yesterday.

Kraftwerk Union AG, the German member of the consortium, the deal was signed in Jeddah on Monday. (Reu)

### Polisario claims successes

ALGIERS. — The Polisario Front independence movement said killed, wounded or captured nearly 7,000 Moroccan and Mauritanian troops in six months of guerrilla war in the disputed West Sahara.

In an account of the fighting since Moroccan and Mauritania moved into the former Spanish Sahara last December, published in Algerian newspapers yesterday, the front said 3,062 Moroccans were killed, 3,062 were wounded and 103 were captured. Mauritanian losses were put at 538 killed, 560 wounded and captured.

The Polisario guerrilla force, which is armed and supplied by Algeria and Libya, is generally estimated at between 6,000 and 7,000 men. (Reu)

### Soviet academics rap Uruguay

LONDON. — Amnesty International, the human rights organization, Monday made public a petition from 40 Soviet intellectuals to: student Juan Bordaberry of Uruguay protesting the treatment of political prisoners there.

Amnesty said it had forwarded the petition to the Uruguayan president "to draw attention to the widespread use of torture in Uruguay."

It said Valentin Turchi, chairman of the Moscow group of Amnesty International, had asked the London headquarters to forward the document, which was signed by Nobel prize winner Andrei Sakharov, wife Elena, Pyotr Grigorenko and others.

## Bulk of Opec's aid fund set for UN food programme

PARIS. — The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization will be the main beneficiary of the new \$800m. fund readied by the oil-producing countries for the world's poorest nations, according to Iranian Minister of State Mohammed Yeganeh.

The initial large slice of the fund would go to FAO's branch organization — the International Fund for Agricultural Development — Yeganeh said.

Yeganeh spoke briefly to newsmen after Monday's talks by finance

ministers of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries on how to hand out the money from the fund.

Yesterday, Ibrahim Shihata, senior adviser of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, was appointed director-general of the new fund, conference sources said.

Shihata will be assisted by directors named by each of the 13 members of the Opec countries, they added. The fund will start operating in June or July. (Reuter, UPI)

## Saudis pushing Soviets from Arabian peninsula

By ELIAS ANTAR

CAIRO. — Saudi Arabia is quietly exercising its oil power to end Soviet military presence in the strategic Arabian peninsula and to free the area from Communist influence within a year, diplomatic sources report.

The efforts are centring on South Yemen, an impoverished land of 1.4 million people on the southwest corner of the peninsula where the Soviets have the use of a naval base and an airfield.

The sources said the radical Marxist government of President Salem Robaya Ali is being won over to the view that it is more rewarding to cooperate with Saudi Arabia than with Russia.

The Saudis are dangle the prospect of multi-million-dollar aid for South Yemen, whose economy is so weak that its mainstay is a \$10m-a-year payment from a British-owned refinery. The sources said Ali's government has been clearly told of the benefits to be derived from playing ball with the conservative Saudi monarchy.

Saudi Arabia also believes it has virtually excluded the Russians from its neighbouring republic in Arabia, North Yemen, the sources said.

Saudi Arabia has agreed to finance \$104.8m. worth of arms from the U.S. for the military regime of President Ibrahim el Hamidi, a moderate. He has declared that once the arms deal goes through, he will

expel the Russian advisers who have supplied and trained the small North Yemeni armed forces for the past 20 years.

Sources said there are about 150 Soviet military advisers in North Yemen. It is expected they will be replaced largely by Jordanian and Saudi officers, with perhaps "only a handful" of Americans on a temporary basis, the sources said.

### TRAINING THE ARMY

The efforts to usher the Russians out of South Yemen will be more protracted, the sources said. The Soviets have between 2,000 and 5,000 men in South Yemen, formerly the British colony of Aden. They train the armed forces, maintain equipment and also are employed in strictly Soviet activities at the naval facility and the airfield.

The sources said Saudi Arabia and Egypt, working together, last year persuaded Ali to prohibit the possible use of Perim Island by the Soviets. The island is uninhabited, but has strategic value because it controls the Bab el Mandeb Straits at the southern end of the Red Sea.

Egypt blockaded the Straits during the October 1973 war with Israel. Its interest in the deal was to keep possible future use of the island free from external influence.

Unconfirmed reports last year said South Yemen received a grant of \$40m. paid by Saudi Arabia in return for the agreement.

Saudi Arabia and South Yemen fought a brief border war in 1969, and Ali's government has been supporting a Marxist rebel movement in the neighbouring Sultanate of Oman. But the rebellion faded out early this year and the Saudis now expect the remaining insurgents to be abandoned entirely, the sources said.

Arab sources believe Saudi Arabia is prepared to extend \$250m. to South Yemen over the next five years, a small sum by international standards but a great deal for Aden. This would be paid in instalments to make sure Ali lived up to his side of the bargain, the sources said.

"The Russians are not about to get into a bidding war with Saudi Arabia," said one diplomat. "If the Saudis play their cards right and don't force Moscow to lose face, the Soviets are not likely to put up a fight to stay in South Yemen."

Departure from Aden would not be a strategic blow for Moscow. Sources said the Soviet naval base at Berbera in Somalia across the Gulf of Aden from South Yemen, contains missile stockpiles and is much more important than the Aden naval facility. (AP)

## 'Israel, S.A. in nuclear cooperation'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The British Communist daily "Morning Star" yesterday claimed that following South African President John Vorster's visit to Jerusalem, the two governments had resolved to cooperate closely in arms programmes, both conventional and nuclear.

An element of this "Israel-South Africa connection" was cooperation in the nuclear power field, in view of South Africa's world lead in uranium deposits, the Communist daily said.

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# The Wolf of Kabul

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ALEX BERLYNE

PICTURE, IF YOU CAN, Mrs. Berlyne's little boy a few decades ago.

I am curled up in a huge, chintz-covered wing-chair, my tousled little head practically buried in a copy of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's "The Secret Garden," while a blazing fire roars in the nursery grate and, beyond the green-balcony door, Rose and Mr. Hudson are laying out a slap-up tea.

If you can picture that, you can picture anything.

The truth is that as a child I never read any of the children's classics which I discussed in my last column — I'm still wading through them and enjoying them immensely.

There wasn't any wing-chair, either, if it comes to that.

However, I did read voraciously and repeatedly all the books we had at home: "Sixty Famous Trials," offered as a premium during the newspaper circulation wars of the Thirties; my school prize, "Across Canada to the Pacific," full of ugly steel engravings of inhospitable landscapes; and my father's white elephant, "The Teller's and Cutter's Encyclopedia," all 12 volumes of it.

I've always felt that the work of a number of modern artists (Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth come to mind) were inspired by its diagrams showing how to cut a double-breasted waist or a pair of breeches.

MY CHILDREN'S CLASSICS were the second-hand comics we swapped behind the abutments in the school playground.

I began with "Tiny Tots" whose text-style was guaranteed to annoy modern educators ("the child-ven felt very excited"). A friend of mine still speaks in hyphenated syllables and, believe me, it can be very exhausting to listen to.

Soon I had progressed to "Tiger Tim's Weekly," which starred the Bruin Boys; "Chips," featuring

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Wearily Willie and Tired Tim; and "Film Fun," which chronicled the adventures of "our couple of comical coughdrops," Laurel and Hardy.

They were all invaluable in vocabulary-building and teaching the niceties of grammar, so that in no time at all I was able to produce fully-rounded periods worthy of Macaulay, like: "Is there summat up wi' it or summat?"

We were also affected to some extent by the side-splitting paper comic-book heroes were constantly peripatring. Round our way it was considered the thing to pick your head round the tobaccoist's door and ask, "Got any Wild Wood-bines?"

"Yes," Yudel would answer. "Well tame 'em," we'd shout, and run off as fast as we could.

WHEN IT CAME to a good read, chair tilted back in front of the black-leaded cast-iron fireplace (legs propped against the oven door-jamb, warning the fundaments there was nothing to beat Sexton Blake, the great detective, whose adventures appeared in "Union Jack." He was one of a number of practically indistinguishable sleuths whose main characteristic (like the grown-ups)



An Eric Parker portrait of Sexton Blake, to celebrate the detective's return from the dead, 1971.

Sherlock Holmes) was the possession of a two-syllable Christian name and a monosyllable surname (Nelson Lee, Dixon Hawke, Ferrers Locke, Falcon Swift). His youthful assistant was always called Thinker or Nipper, rather like the renowned cabin boy of the Good Ship Venus (who succeeded by a cunning stratagem in circumcising the skipper).

Sexton Blake exemplified the deductive process at its most impressive. In one story he was present in court when the door to the jury-room had to be broken down and all twelve Good Men and True were found to be stone dead.

The detective's prompt reaction drew this memorable retort from the judge: "Good heavens, Mr. Blake, you are surely not insinuating that this is the result of foul play?"

To offset the discouragement which set in on reading this sort of thing, "Union Jack" would make amends by running weekly competitions, on one inspired occasion putting up a pedigree bloodhound as first prize.

It's a good job I didn't win or the poor thing would have been confined to the coal-shed for the rest of its forensic career.

THE GREATEST FAVOURITES of all were the Big Five comics, produced by the dour Aberdeen firm of D.C. Thomson — the "Wizard," "Hotspur," "Rover," "Skipper," and "Adventure." These all resembled each other to a remarkable degree but were subtly different — more working class and "tough" — from their nearest rivals, the "Magnet" and the "Gem."

The school stories which appeared in the Big Five were characterized by a heavy dependence on ventriloquism, which we attempted to emulate, and invisibility, which we didn't.

Otherwise they repeated the same priceless wheezes familiar to readers of the "Magnet" — squirting ink through keyholes, dropping bags of soot and flour from upstairs windows and generally confounding the

low cads who lived in the nearby town. It came as a shock to those of us who also revered Greyfriars School, when we grew to realize that we ourselves were typical examples of the "habby little blighters" so despised by Bob Cherry and Co.

Perhaps the best-loved of all the D.C. Thomson stable of "beeser yarns" was "The Wolf of Kabul," the story of an English officer on the North-West Frontier. He was usually to be found slinking round the bazaars of Peshawar, his skin stained with walnut juice and his muscles rippling like steel cords under his shaggy rags. What made the series outstanding, however, was his faithful assistant (the equivalent of Thinker) a Tibetan strong-man called Chung, whose terrible weapon, wielded on Pathans, Afghans and other breeds without the Law, was a brass-bound cricket-bat, referred to as "Chicky-Ba."

A few years ago, a friend and I entertained an Indian lady, a journalist from Poona. When the conversation began to flag, my friend cast around for a subject. Unfortunately, the only thing he could remember about India was the Wolf of Kabul and for the rest of the evening, to my embarrassment and her utter confusion, he treated her to a blow-by-blow account of Our Hero's exploits on the Khyber Pass.

STILL, IT WAS all good clean fun — D.C. Thomson saw to that. James Cameron, the journalist, has told in his autobiography of the time he worked for the firm on "Red Star Weekly." At one point he commissioned a cover for a story about a Jack-the-Ripper type of murderer. It showed a girl lying in a dark alley with her throat slit from ear to ear.

His editor was furious: "You must be mad... look at the lassie's skirt, it's awa' above her knees!"

Nowadays even "Flash Gordon" would be renamed "Flasher."

## Breaking the rules at home

By ARIELLA ALCALAY

ALL THE do-it-yourself home decorating manuals will tell you dark walls make a room appear smaller. It's one of the "rules."

Like most rules in this field, it's often true — but not always. One exception can be found in the Levy's 3½-room shikun flat in Petah Tikva.

The apartment is laid out such that traffic from the front door to the bedrooms has to go through the living room. This creates a kind of invisible corridor along one wall. No furniture may be placed against this wall, as it would only get in the way of the children running back and forth.

On the other side of this problematic wall is the half-room which serves as the baby's bedroom. This room was unusable throughout most of the year, because its only ventilation was a window onto the kitchen balcony, on the west side of the house. Solving that room's ventilation problem meant opening it somehow into the living room.

Four different-shaped openings were cut into the wall near the ceiling, to allow a free flow of air without destroying privacy.

The openings were designed to turn the wall into a decorative focus for the living room, while ventilating the bedroom beyond. The whole wall was covered in mock-burlap wallpaper of a dark eggplant colour, to serve as a backdrop for exotic decorative elements. Among the hanging decorations are a woven donkey pouch, an old copper tray, heavy Beduin necklaces, Hebrew-glass beads and an enameled picture — nearly all from Jerusalem's Old City markets.

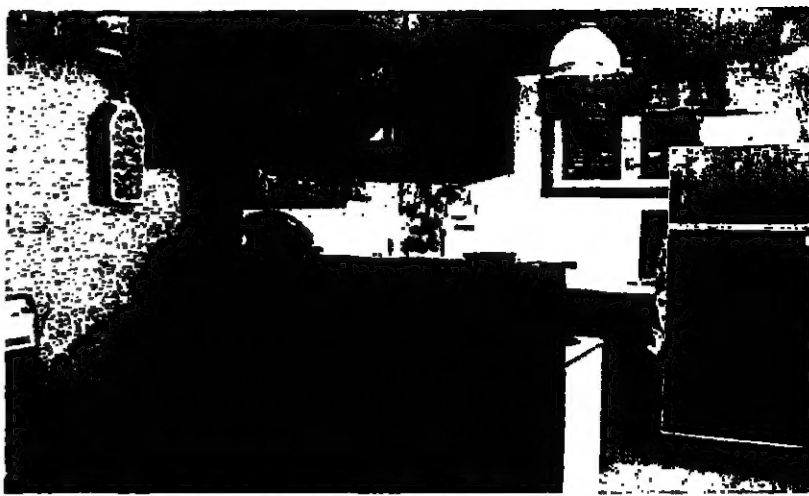
The door in this wall (which leads to the kitchen) was painted the same aubergine colour as the wallpaper — a difficult feat, but not impossible.

AS TO THAT old rule about dark colours making a room look smaller — in this case the deep aubergine, together with the openings in the wall, add depth to the room and actually give the illusion of more space.

It is unfortunate, anyway, that most homemakers strive to make small rooms look bigger and high



Dark eggplant-coloured wall with odd-shaped holes cut out near the ceiling provides a decorative focus from the living room and better ventilation for the room behind it.



The long narrow kitchen is cut in half by a short wall to make the room look wider and add counter space to the work area. (Photos R. Miller)

ceilings look lower: rooms should be pleasant to live in, and this is most often achieved by using their size and shape correctly — not by creating illusions.

Of course, there are extreme cases where one has to create an illusion, or use a "gimmick." One such case is the kitchen in the same flat.

The Levy's kitchen, completely enclosed behind the eggplant wall

of the living room with its matching door, is a long, narrow room (4.5 by 2.2 metres). One of the long walls is in the same problematic position as the eggplant wall: it's another of those invisible corridors, of no practical use, since the kitchen door is at one end of it and the back-porch door at the other.

The narrowness of the kitchen, combined with the fact that it is entered through a door adjacent to the long wall, made the visitor feel as if he were entering a tunnel. To alter this impression, a gimmick had to be used — an illusion of greater width created.

A long, rectangular hole (2 metres by 30 centimetres) was cut into the problematic wall at eye level. A wooden, coffin-shaped box, 20 cm. deep, was fitted into the hole, its open side facing into

the kitchen to create a window-like effect. (The back of the box, protruding into the baby's room, is part of a bookshelf arrangement.) The inside of the box is covered in the same pale wallpaper as the rest of the long wall, and ceramic tiles are set into the bottom side to create a washable shelf which serves as an open bar.

Another trick to ameliorate the tunnel effect of the narrow kitchen was to cut it across the middle, separating the work space from the eating area. A low (1.20-metre-high) wall was built across the middle of the room and faced in red tiles to match the formica of the cabinets. The top of the half-wall is fitted with a wooden shelf, inlaid with the same tiles used in the box on the long wall.

The half-wall is high enough to conceal the sink, stove and work surfaces behind it. It also adds counter space in the cooking area.

The eating area is covered with a pale, washable wallpaper, further separating it visually from the other half of the kitchen (which is dominated by the red wall cupboards). But the large round handles on the doors of the cabinets are of stained oak, echoing the table and chairs in the dining corner.

### MUSIC

## Baby voice and blues in graphic score

New Discos in Music; musical director: Jonna Frank-Williams; conductor: Roni Ben-Zur; Zmira Lasky, piano; Emilie Berendsen, mezzo-soprano; Raphael Markov, violin; Israel Kohar, clarinet; Yehoshua Barak, el. guitar; Jolka Mose, el. organ; Rosh Hameyad, harp; Mark Drachshim, cello; Barry Farkas, trombone (Tel Aviv, Museum, May 6); Sylvane Ben-Zur, Five Pieces for David Tudor (N.A.); Fuglio D'Alban; Jolka Mose, Aria with Fontana Mix; Yacov Gilboa, Three Red Sea Impressions; Zmira Lasky, Alexander Babitsky: A Fox de Tolstoyevsky.

BUSSOTTI'S "Five Pieces" and Cage's Aria can almost be included among the classics of modern music, and both have undoubtedly exercised considerable influence on contemporary compositional thought. Whereas the Five Pieces (written by Cage for pianist David Tudor, a pioneer in the performance of graphic music), are purely graphic, allowing the pianist to do almost anything, the Aria is noted as a succession of curves defining approximate pitch and time values. The curves are painted in different colours, indicating certain vocal and musical styles, such as coloratura.

dramatic expression, baby voice, oriental style, dark coloured, sexy alto, spoken words, blues etc. A magnetic tape, containing concrete sounds recorded from everyday life, is played simultaneously with the vocal part. Both pieces were given exemplary performances. Zmira Lasky possesses all the technical and musical facilities to make a graphic score a powerful stimulus. Her realization of Bussotti's chart was marked by sagacity and an impeccable sense of form and sonority. No less gratifying was Miss Berendsen's interpretation of the Aria. Characterizing the various types of vocal expression with great clarity and demonstrating a powerful voice, Miss Berendsen succeeded in making the Aria as comprehensible as possible.

Of the three remaining items, I would single out "Un Peu de Tolstoyevsky" (for an ensemble of six players) as the only one which seems convincingly to pursue the idea and realize it musically. Basing his work on a theme from Tolstoy's fourth symphony, Rabinovitch completely reshapes the material into a personal and

quite original form. "Charisma" by Xenakis (for cello and clarinet) uses a pretentious name and a beautiful quotation from the Iliad, but offers merely some scraped and scratched sounds, played alternatingly below and above the bridge and a slightly more substantial clarinet part. I am convinced that had this piece not been written by a famous composer, it would never have reached the concert hall.

No less disappointing was a new composition by our own Yacov Gilboa. His "Three Red Sea Impressions" (for an ensemble of six players) is a new version of the so-called neo-impressionism which Gilboa has made his exclusive idiom for years, but is almost lacking in content. A composer's strength depends considerably on his capacity for constant renewal. But Gilboa merely uses his outworn matrices over and over again. However, the piece had a surprise in store — the composer's own coloured slides, which accompanied the music. These were delightful.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

### CINEMA

## Bergman's Mozart is sheer delight

The Magic Flute (Studio, Tel Aviv). Ingmar Bergman had long wanted to make a film of Mozart's last opera. Now that it has at last come to the screen it proves to be a real delight, captivating to eye and ear almost as much as one of his favourite music has been left out.

Bergman has somewhat simplified the very complicated libretto, which deals with magic, the supernatural, the fight between good and evil, liberal ideas of brotherhood current at the period and the union, after tests and trials, of two pairs of lovers: Tamino and his Pamina and Papageno and his Papagena. He stresses the fairy-tale element but

does not overload the pantomime atmosphere. The big change is that Bergman makes Pamina the daughter of the Queen of Night and of Sarastro so that now Pamina is torn between her daughterly duties to her mother and her mother's opponent, Sarastro, the idea being, one must suppose, to make the confrontation even more dramatic.

The director sets the opera in the famous old Drottningholm Theatre and originally intended to use the actual building but as this proved too fragile, a reconstruction was built at the studio. During the overture the camera (photography: Sven Nykvist) lingers on the faces of the

expectant audience and there is one little girl whose face, showing delighted wonderment, is constantly intercut into the action — in my opinion irritatingly so. The cast is shown relaxing in the interval, the scenes of "actuality" and "theatre" running smoothly into one another. What does seem out of keeping stylistically is the semi-nude "modern" ballet in the mystic trial by fire and water.

The musical performance and acting are of high standard. Josef Kestlinger as Tamino and Hakan Hagagard as Papageno are outstanding. A most enjoyable experience. S.W.

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# WOMEN WHO REALLY CARE

As medical science lengthens the lifespan, the proportion of chronically ill old people inevitably increases. But what is being done in this country to make their existence more tolerable and less agonizing for their families? Lea Levavi has been earning some of the answers.

DOES THE acutely-ill patient receive better treatment than the chronically sick?

His question is often a cry of pain, heard from people who have to send aged relatives into private institutions, where the standard of care, and of caring, is always what it ought to be.

Elhai is a new voluntary organization set up by two women to arouse public opinion on the subject. Sarah Noyhos and Ora Weissberg had been compelled to place chronically-ill parents in private institutions; their experiences were so shocking that they decided to do something about the problem.

What we really want is for the government and Kupat Holim to take care of the chronically ill just as they hospitalize 'regular' patients," Sarah Noyhos explains. "Yes, we've been told there's money and that our ideas are realistic. But money can be used from philanthropists. If someone were to put up the funds for a hospital and priorities were seen properly, there would be a lot to run it."

Could you imagine a situation in which a pregnant mother is given pre-natal care through public agencies, but is then told to go to a private midwife when it's time for her to give birth?" asked Weissberg. "That is what happens to the chronically ill. As far as he needs regular hospital care, the patient is cared for in a government or Kupat Holim hospital."

Yes, the Health Ministry does pay the family to pay, the family's contribution being dependent on their income. But it isn't enough. For one thing, the Ministry pays these private hospitals so little that even those who want to give good care find it difficult.

TWO WOMEN had more sympathy for the private hospitalier's problems after meeting a Yoel Shperling, secretary of the Association of Private Hospitals for the Chronically Ill. Even this did not erase the nightmares they themselves had through, which they also found about in the letters which came into Elhai from families of chronically ill.

Those who can afford to pay their own way can sometimes get reasonably good care for IL6,000 to IL8,000 a month. But even in these cases, much of the money is lost in selling the sick patient's flat, and the children are left about what they will do when the money runs out. As for

those who aren't so fortunate financially, they complain about the low level of care — complaints which we know about from our own bitter experience."

Mrs. Weissberg told of getting ill while nursing her father in a private hospital for the chronically ill. Mrs. Noyhos of finding her elderly aunt, in a particularly infamous institution, lying in a stinking ward on the soiled sheet of a previous patient.

Since the chances of getting the Government to completely take over the chronically ill are extremely slim in these difficult times, Elhai is attempting to arouse public opinion on the matter of conditions in the private hospitals.

"And we would like to send volunteers to the Ministry of Health to be trained as inspectors and sent to these hospitals," Mrs. Weissberg explained. "We also want volunteers to visit the patients as Ya'al members do in regular hospitals."

IT'S RIDICULOUS to expect the Government to solve the problems," says Yoel Shperling in reaction to Elhai's demands. "The answer is for the Health Ministry to cooperate more fully with us. We should be involved in inspection together with the ministry. There are some things that can only be solved by those of us in the business, and we also know what kinds of sanctions would work. I don't want to go into detail on that but, as one example, if a hospital should be so far out of line that the Health Ministry wants to close it, the rest of us will guarantee to divide that hospital's patients among our own institutions."

Mr. Shperling, a 32-year-old sabra who holds a master's degree from the London School of Economics, and has been an adviser to the Manufacturers' Association, opened the Arbel Hospital in Petah Tikva, together with his father, two years ago. "I know I can always get a job," he said. "But I felt I wanted to do something good for society, too."

The organization of which he is secretary represents the 23 private hospitals which receive patients through the Health Ministry. All told, they are caring for about 2,000 such patients.

"The Welfare Ministry, which was responsible for the chronically ill until two years ago, was mostly concerned with getting the patient institutionalized," he said. "What happened to the patient once he was inside was less important."



When the Health Ministry took over, they signed a contract with us, but the low level of prices remained in effect.

"A hospital like mine, which has the highest classification, gets IL70 a day per patient, as opposed to IL215 a day in a public institution like Beit Rivka at Ramat Gan. I don't want as much as the public institutions; but if I could get IL130 or IL140 a day, I could provide more personnel, more physiotherapy and occupational therapy, uniform clothing for the patients, and other services."

Negotiations for a new contract between the private hospitals and the Health Ministry are now in progress and this undoubtedly colours the pronouncements on both sides. (Officially, the ministry does not recognize the association because of a legal opinion stating that its collective price-setting demands may constitute a cartel.)

DR. JOSEPH Silberstein, director of the long-term illnesses section in the Health Ministry said:

"Some people think the services don't improve because the owners don't get enough money. Others say they are paid enough for what they give and should be paid more only when they give more. I suggested to the hospital owners that they submit a list of their costs for each individual item — medication, laundry, food, personnel, etc. — and we will negotiate on that basis and come up with a price."

Dr. Silberstein explained that the ministry has developed a classification system through which only those elderly patients really in need of it are hospitalized, and different kinds of care — acute hospital care, long-term skilled nursing care or less medically oriented nursing care — are provided.

Ideally, he says, the private hospitals should care only for the last category. However, because of the shortage of beds, many of the other patients are also cared for in private hospitals. The situation should improve within the next two years, with 400 new Government and Kupat Holim beds in all three categories being

added in various parts of the country.

"When the pressure on the private hospitals is eased," said Dr. Silberstein, "those which do not improve will be driven out of business. Meanwhile, we have just set up a IL2m. loan fund, of which IL1m. comes from us and is interest-free, so that the total interest a hospital owner will pay on his loan is about half what he would pay for regular bank credit."

These loans are designed to finance improvements in lavatories, purchase of more bed linen, etc."

THE BIG PUBLIC organization with which the Health Ministry works on the problem of the chronically ill is the Joint Distribution Committee's Malben. Prof. Yitzhak Margulec, the JDC's medical director estimates that during the past 25 years, they have cared for over 30,000 patients, mostly aged.

Malben's three large geriatric centres, offering progressive care (independent living through nursing care) have now been turned over to the ministry, but the organization is building some small old age homes which will give priority to patients needing long-term nursing.

The JDC and the Government together are conducting a programme for the younger — mostly middle-aged — chronically ill. This, according to Prof. Margulec, will include diagnostic and rehabilitation facilities, home care and institutional centres for those who can no longer remain at home.

Yoel Shperling claims that the bad hospitals in his association are very few and that they will cease to be represented if they do not improve. Elhai seemed to be saying that the good ones are few and far between.

"IF YOU ASK me, by really high standards, none is good enough," Dr. Silberstein said. "We have decided to adopt the standards of Malben institutions: for instance, a minimum of .035 nursing staff to each patient. Once such standards have been set, it will make more sense to talk about inspection."

"The problem is that some photographer or journalist finds a horror story in an institution and then the whole country screams for inspection...As for Elhai's idea of volunteer inspectors, I would suggest that they concentrate on volunteer help to the patients. Why does everyone want to be a policeman?"

On this same subject, Mr. Shperling had noted that only those hospitals in his association are inspected which receive patients via the Health Ministry: "Anyone off the street can open a hospital and take in patients privately."

"An institution for under 12 patients is not considered a hospital," Dr. Silberstein explained, "and the existing law gives us no authority to deal with such places. There are plans to change the law on this point, but it will take another five years."

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## Israel — the view through distorted lenses

Ze'ev Schul finds some flaws in an article on Israel published by the widely-read West German weekly, "Die Zeit."

ONE OF THE MOST vicious journalistic broadsides ever fired at Israel in West Germany was contained in a recent issue of "Die Zeit", the country's highly reputable weekly (circulation over 600,000).

Under the title of "Israel in the Ghetto", staffer Andreas Kohlschuetter paints a pessimistic and highly critical picture of this country. "Sinking living standards and corruption are creating dissatisfaction amongst the Israelis...Prime Minister Rabin is helpless in the face of the chauvinistic settlement propagandists who want to create further 'Jewish facts' on the map of Palestine. In the occupied territories young Palestinians, Nationalists and Communists are taking over from the sheikhs who are collaborating with Israel. But even hitherto loyal Arab citizens of Israel are infected by the Palestinian movement and protest on the streets. Brutal police actions are the answer."

Other typical distortions include a two-page colour-spread captioned "Look how strong the Jews are". (One must bear in mind that the word "Jude" in Germany even today, and especially to the older generation, still has a pejorative connotation. Kohlschuetter uses it wherever he can in lieu of "Israel"). The picture shows the Israeli-made self-propelled 155mm. howitzers during the last military parade held on Independence Day (Jerusalem 1973) but Kohlschuetter's caption implies that the picture was a recent one taken in Tel Aviv, and runs: "One of the great parades demonstrating the military's brawn and intended to make an impression outside of Israel as well as raise the courage of the population."

Even historical facts are distorted. Thus "Between 1948-1949 (the War of Independence) Israel took from the Arabs 'additional areas' — above all, West Jerusalem". This not only is incorrect but ignores the fact that it was Israel which was invaded and that it was West Jerusalem which had been under siege.

Kohlschuetter digs up an anonymous law student to brand Israel (the Jews, naturally) as "crusaders and a cancer — the best we can hope for are phases of hostile co-existence, breaks between the fighting without true relaxation from the tensions. There will be no peace within the next 100 years according to a young student of history."

Referring to Prime Minister Rabin, Kohlschuetter claims that he has "never stepped out of Golda Meir's shadow. Nothing underlines Rabin's state of end-of-wits and helplessness more than his recent SOS call to the grandmother" (Mrs. Meir's recall to Mapai's inner forum).

The capitulation of the 54-year-old "boy" to the 78-year-old ancient is shocking and at one and the same time, "Andreas Kohlschuetter declares."

As for the Western Wall, Kohlschuetter reproduces a picture of Jews dancing there with the caption: "At the fought-over holy site in Jerusalem's Old City, orthodox Jews gather new strength by a ritual ring-a-ring-of-roses"

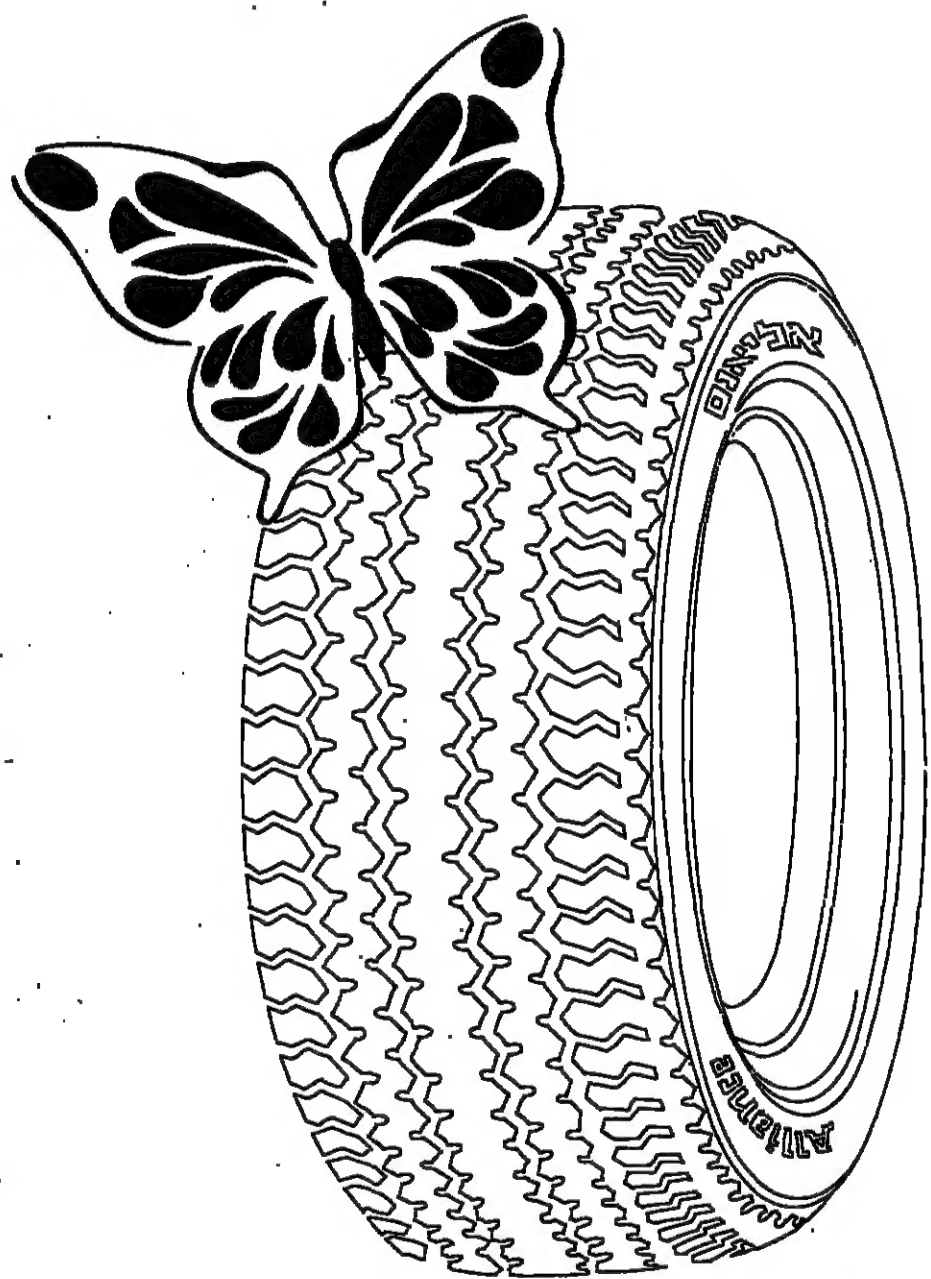
Perhaps this summary should be concluded with Kohlschuetter's lead: "There is a house on the road leading from Jerusalem to Hebron. There is a white flag fluttering permanently over it: the flag of capitulation? The owner of the house, an 80-year-old Palestinian answers: I have seen the Turks, Egyptians and Jordanians all come and go. Perhaps I will also live to see the exit of the Jews."

Perhaps. But the "flag of capitulation" merely announces that there is a single woman of marriageable age in the family.

IT IS POSSIBLE that Kohlschuetter merely wrote what was expected of him. It is certainly fashionable in Germany today to regard Israel as a pain in the neck. Nothing must be done to upset the economic applecart.

It remains to be seen whether "Israel in the Ghetto" is truly representative of the present German attitude to Israel. Unfortunately it is not a lone straw in the wind. There is playwright Fassbinder's portrayal of the avaricious Jew who stops at nothing. And if one goes back in time, there was the royal welcome accorded to Sadat compared with Rabin being welcomed only by the chef de protocol and the Minister of Forestry and Agriculture of Lower Saxony — about as important a personage as the Mayor of Rishon Lezion in Israel.

AS FOR THE writer of the article, Andreas Kohlschuetter is young, writes brilliantly — and is a Swiss. (He told me himself that he is proud of the fact that he is not German). He is about to be posted to Cyprus as permanent Middle East correspondent of "Die Zeit" and will doubtless wait there, vulture-like, for Israel's demise — if he believes in his own predictions. Talented writer that he is — and his description of the fighting on the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War was a tour de force — one can rely on him to write us a first-class obituary.



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## Sadat courts Assad

A "MEETING OF RECONCILIATION" between the Prime Ministers of Egypt and Syria is scheduled to be held in Riyadh next week, and it takes no great imagination to predict that each one of these two neighbours of Israel will use the opportunity to try and "reconcile" the other to its will and interest. What remains to be seen is which one will come out the winner.

The opposing positions have been clearly stated in advance. According to Syria's Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam the meeting is to discuss what he termed the "friction" caused by Egypt's entering into the interim agreement with Israel last September. The Syrians denounced that accord as a sell-out of Arab interests, and they want a revision of Cairo's commitments under it.

Most particularly they want Egypt to withdraw its undertaking to refrain from any military action during the life of the UN peacekeeping mandate, which is to be renewed annually for three years. Rather than renounce the use of force altogether, Egypt should, in Syrian eyes, keep the war option open, especially for the occasion of the half-annual renewal of the UNDOF mandate in the Golan Heights. It is perhaps no coincidence that the Riyadh meeting will precede by barely a fortnight the expiration of the UN Force's current mandate.

Egypt, on the other hand, wants Syria to revise its negative stand on the Sinai agreement — and to consider the possibility of concluding a similar deal with Israel in the north. President Sadat still insists, despite denials from Washington, that the Americans promised to help work out such an agreement if only Syria agreed in principle. Sadat's main argument is that Assad should give the U.S. time to elect a new President, and then let it get on with the American job, as Sadat hopefully sees it, of pressing Israel for concessions in an overall Middle East settlement.

There is little doubt that there is greater enthusiasm in Cairo than in Damascus for the session in Riyadh. For it will enable Egypt to court Syria rather than try to pressure it into submission; and it should also help finally bring Egypt out of post-Sinai isolation in the Arab world.

Egypt's recent efforts to enlist the PLO in the contest with Syria — by espousing the "Palestinian cause" again — have netted it some advantages, but not very many. The PLO may in part have been alienated from Damascus, as a result of Syrian policies in Lebanon, but it is not in Cairo's pocket either. And Sadat has apparently reached the conclusion that he cannot expect to disrupt the Syrian-Jordanian alliance, which poses a clear-cut danger to Egyptian hegemony. So, if you can't beat them, join them; and then have them join you, if you can.

## Tribute to Pioneer Women

A GROUP of over 300 leaders of the 50,000-strong Pioneer Women's movement in the United States are now in Israel marking the 50th anniversary of that Labour Zionist sister-organization of the Histadrut's Moetzet Hapoalet.

Over the years the contribution of Pioneer Women has been eclipsed by the work of larger and wealthier Jewish groups; and while the Israeli philatelic services have recently honoured it with the issue of a special stamp, Pioneer Women still awaits due recognition in this country.

Yet it may be said without exaggeration that the vast network of programmes carried out by Moetzet Hapoalet — the operation of 500 kindergartens, day-care centres and nurseries; four agricultural schools for boys and girls; 35 village clubs for Arab and Druse women; scores of community centres in underprivileged areas; work with adolescent girls suffering from adjustment problems; and the fight for the rights of women workers — would never have grown to its present proportions without the invaluable assistance of Pioneer Women.

Unlike some better known Zionist associations abroad, Pioneer Women boasts a steady drain on its membership by way of immigration to Israel. Some 2,000 members, with their families, have by now gone on aliya, including five past presidents.

Unfortunately the travel and touring arrangements for the group's present visit to Israel have not been as smoothly organized as they might have been — by the testimony of some of the group's members. But these annoyances have not marred the spirit of the group nor can they dampen their enthusiasm for the work they do on behalf of the country.

## ISRAEL PRESS

## The guilty don't pay

MA'ARIV (Independent) fulminates against the non-drawing of "personal conclusions" following publication of the Comptroller's reports: "The Ministry concerned composes a reply, wherein it takes issue with some of the findings and promises to rectify the remainder. But in no case does it announce that 'X' who spent unallocated funds has been removed from office, or that 'Y' who caused the State the loss of hundreds of thousands has been moved to a post where he can do no harm, or that 'Z' who bestowed monetary favours on his family has been required to compensate the State for the losses he caused it. That is not part of the 'rules of the game'." It contradicts the practice that has taken root in the course of the 26 years of reports, whereby all charges are levelled at institutions, corporations, ministries and departments — and never at directors, heads, senior officials and ministers... Condemnation of faults and defects *per se* cannot result in an improvement of the situation, so long as it remains anonymous and as long as it is not accompanied by conclusions — of apportioning personal blame and demanding the punishment of those responsible."

## Wolf Blitzer discusses how grants become guns

# ARMS AND U.S. AID

WASHINGTON. —

IF Congress and the Ford Administration will have to reach agreement on a foreign aid bill for fiscal 1976 before June 30, Israel will find it extremely difficult to meet large-scale payments to the U.S. for military purchases this year.

Payment for arms delivered to Israel this year will have to come in large measure from the funds, including the pending Foreign Aid Bill. But the President vetoed the authorization bill last Friday, arguing that the foreign policy restrictions attached to the measure by the Congress prejudiced the President's ability to conduct foreign affairs.

The veto, which was not directly related to aid for Israel, nevertheless is giving concern to Israel and its supporters here because of the \$2.2 billion included in the bill for economic and military assistance programmes for Israel, plus another \$550 million for Israel in the transition quarter between July 1 and September 30. Ford did not refer to the Israeli aid in his veto message, stressing that the other restrictions, especially limitations over arms sales and human rights, were the major reasons for the veto.

Congressional supporters of the aid bill met on Monday to discuss a strategy of reviving a compromise

authorization bill. There is no chance of over-riding the President's veto, which requires a two-thirds vote in the House and Senate.

Congressional sources said afterwards that Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (Dem.-Minnesota), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Foreign Assistance, and Rep. Thomas P. Morgan (Dem., Penn.), chairman of the House International Relations Committee, had agreed to work for a combined fiscal 1976 and fiscal 1977 foreign aid authorization bill, rather than propose a "continuing resolution."

Normally, when a foreign aid bill for a specific fiscal year has not been approved, Congress adopts "continuing resolutions" to enable the Administration to continue foreign aid programmes temporarily.

But this year, because of the May 15 deadline that the Senate Foreign Assistance Subcommittee has set for itself for reporting out the fiscal 1977 bill, many supporters of foreign aid recognized that a "continuing resolution" would not be suitable. Originally, friends of Israel wanted to avoid a combined two-year authorization bill, which would include over \$4 billion for Israel — a figure that would give the impres-

sion that Israel was receiving an enormous amount of assistance.

Separate from the vetoed Authorization Bill is the still-pending 1976 Appropriations Bill, which is due to come up in the House of Representatives shortly. President Ford has threatened to veto this bill — which under U.S. law actually provides the funds for foreign assistance — because of the \$550 million it contains for transitional quarter funding for Israel.

But there is widespread belief here that a suitable compromise on this question, probably including about \$375m. in military credits for Israel, can be achieved.

Most of the arms that Israel purchases annually from the U.S. are paid for by U.S. grants and loans, due on June 30 of each year. Although no foreign aid bill has yet been approved, and many difficult points will have to be resolved before the separate authorization and appropriation bills are adopted, the general feeling here is that the deadline can be met.

Despite foreign aid's unpopularity among Americans in general, there is still a considerable element of influential opinion, especially within the Congress and the Administration, that the U.S. cannot abandon this programme because global U.S. interests would suffer.

## The Israel Prize: Afterthoughts

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL have an instinct for self-destruction. It's traceable all through their history from the Exodus on — like a curse, like a pathological streak passed on from father to son till the end of days.

Its current manifestation is the oh-so-fashionable doubt as to whether we have any right to settle in Eretz Yisrael. A great many decent Israelis are wondering today whether the Palestinians are right in demanding that we get out of here. High-principled citizens are haunted by the wrong we've done to the refugees of an Arab war of annihilation which happened to turn into a Jewish war of liberation.

The Russians haven't a twinge of bad conscience about taking over huge territories that never belonged to them or to their forefathers. The Czechs don't lose a wink of sleep over the three million Sudeten they drove out, nor are the Turks at all bothered by their wholesale "population transfers," as they're pleased to call it. The Poles don't feel bad about such things, and neither do the Greeks, the Bulgarians, the Indians, the Pakistanis, or the Americans. The Israelis do. Our conscience-stricken intellectuals regard driving out a million Jews from Arab countries as an irreversible historical process; he believes that the Arabs who fled this country after failing to kill us all have been grievously wronged. He considers the 12 million square kilometres of the Arab countries — which together are bigger than all of Europe — not big enough to absorb the refugees. He will argue that the people of Baram and Irit were driven off their land and resettled elsewhere by fraud and deception, whereas the Jews of Hebron were butchered by right. It follows that the people of Baram should be allowed to return and the people of Hebron should not.

The conscience-stricken Israeli can see the point of an Ararat, and is impressed by the legitimate rights of the Palestinian liberation movements to come at our schoolkids with hatchets. He full of universal love and understanding; and he hates nothing and nobody — except the settlers of Gush Emunim. The conscience-stricken Israeli should have his head examined.

LET'S ASSUME for a moment that the youngsters of Gush Emunim are wrong. Let's say they're doing harm to the peace-making process which is gathering such irresistible momentum before our eyes today. Even if that were so, could we really hate young people who, in this day and age, willingly leave their comfortable homes in the city to pitch their tents on a barren hill surrounded by hostile crowds — for the sake of an abstract ideal rooted in love of their people and country?

Even if he disagrees with their views, can a man of sound reason hate them?

Especially since Gush Emunim isn't causing any political damage. On the contrary: even an Israeli

Ephraim Kishon expresses some views on Gush Emunim, and says that "the conscience-stricken Israeli should have his head examined." He argues that "The Israel Prize for love of Israel belongs to Gush Emunim."

THE WRITER missed the War of Liberation by a couple of hours, so he only knows from books about the wondrous events that turned a handful of Jews into a State. What he has come up with is the sad discovery that all the historical deeds we tend to be ashamed of turned out to have been for the good of the country. And if they're good for the country, we personally refuse to be ashamed of them.

There's nothing we detest as much as the formula by which this nation is divided into moral and immoral Israelis. The moral Jew entered Jericho after the trumpets, settled in the roughest ruin, and started carrying at Joshua for taking the city "with the edge of the sword." It's been a tradition ever since: the bad Jew causes the Arabs to flee, whereupon the progressive Jew settles on their land and accuses him of immoral conquests. The bad Border Police clean the Gaza Strip of terrorists, and the good Jews stroll along Gaza mainstream and criticize their harsh methods. The ugly Jew lives in embattled Hebron, and the beautiful Jew rails at him from Tel Aviv.

Nothing is as easy or as superficial as being proper and moral in theory. It's always harder — and makes for a lot more butterflies in one's stomach — as well — to create tomorrow's history than to talk about justice in a blaze of popularity today.

Hats off to the bad Jews! THOSE WHO HATE the Gush Emunim youth call them Fascists. They, who admire a regime that keeps its victims behind barbed wire and bloodhound packs, call this tiny island of self-sacrifice in an ocean of self-seekers — Fascists.

They are ridiculed and sneered at — they and their naive songs, their silly horae, their love of the Bible, of the hills and stones of Eretz Yisrael. They are described with a superior snigger in all the media. They are presented as a public nuisance, as dreamers bitten by a Messianic bug. They're talked of with oozing self-hatred. And while these youngsters move with their hearts in their mouths among swarms of incited Arabs, these others produce ever such witty skits about them in the TV studios — and are rewarded by the highest prize this country can bestow — on purely professional grounds, to be sure.

If ever Israel's honours become more than the roving cup of a small Leftist team who pass it from hand to hand among their own; if it is ever awarded by judges, the Israel Prize is bound to go to those dreaming youngsters who are returning us our lost ideals, and not to the bright youngsters who poke fun at them.

The Israel Prize for love of Israel belongs to Gush Emunim. Neither hatred nor meers can take it away from them.

Translated by Miriam Arad By arrangement with "Ma'ariv"

## Dry Bones



## READERS' LETTERS

### ARABS AND JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I wish to refer to the interview with Ramallah's Mayor Karim Khalaf (April 28), especially his statement that we Jews hate the Arabs, and would say that he is completely wrong. Maybe he made that statement because he hates us and believes that we feel the same way towards him and the Arab people. Here are some facts which illustrate how wrong Mayor Khalaf is. I am the veteran shipping agent in Haifa Port, having started there in 1923 when my contractors for lightering and stevedoring were the Abu Zeid brothers, who were followed afterwards by the sons of one of them. About ten years later, when Jewish groups were formed in Haifa Port and came to offer me their services, I declined because I remained loyal to the Abu Zeids, and friendly connections existed between us. In 1948, the huge Abu Zeid family left for Lebanon and I accompanied Abdallah Abu Zeid to the port, begging him not to leave. We Jews do not teach our children to hate the Arabs, like the Arabs do in their schools as far as we are concerned, and I can assure Mayor Khalaf that if the Arabs felt towards the Jews like we do towards them, conditions in this area would be far better than they are. AARON ROSENFELD Haifa

### DAUGHTER OF A DANGEROUS ROAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Whoever drives down the treacherously curved road to Hadassah in Jerusalem is fortunate that there is a hospital at its end. A number of people, through no fault of their own, have been injured seriously because there is no guard rail on that road. My son, a soldier, was one of the lucky ones. Driving in an army truck at 40 k.p.h., he swerved to the dirt path on the side of the road because the concrete was wet. The mud didn't hold, and the truck somersaulted three times down into the wadi, near the Swedish village. Fortunately, he suffered only some cuts and scratches. Why doesn't the Municipality or a Government ministry put up a guardrail to prevent such accidents? YISSACHAR IVAS Jerusalem

### EAR PLUGS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Does any of our readers know where medical ear plugs made by the E.A.R. Company of Billerica, Massachusetts (a subsidiary of the Cabot Corporation) can be had in Israel? If so, would he write to: SHELMO Hovel Corastm 15-88

### PRAISE FOR THE POST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I am a tourist on a 2 to Israel and have been reading paper for about a week. I pressed, I want to indicate, travels away from my home New York, have been constant but one reason I was always get back was to renew reading "New York Times." I've always still do, that it is a newspaper in the world. To compare your eighth edition with an average "New York Times" is unfair, you pack into your smaller amazing as regards world Israeli coverage — well-written, thorough stories, cogent and editorial, objective news and fair space given to point of different from your own. Such a newspaper reflects formed, democratic reader community which history to survive and flourish. SAM CH Jerusalem (New York)

Sir, — With so few inde papers available to us refreshing to find that Isra English daily affords us the tunity to examine a val political, social and econo points objectively. I want ticularly commend The Po sagacity in giving us Kirchen's whimsical wry "Dry Bones," and Moshe perspicacious and sly written articles which go to of our Jewish consciousness, spurring us out of indiffer piercing our apathy. His honesty is exhilarating at when hyperbry and dupli the waves, threatening to our national fibre. R. L. Jerusalem

Sir, — I am writing to a much I enjoy Moshe Kohn's mative and entertaining writ Alex Berlyne and Kirchen the best reading in The Jer Post. Mr. Berlyne's article, "proud flush" (March 24) was his lightest and liveliest. We joyed it. Kirchen keeps us chuckling through the very worst. Shul company did much to ke morale up during the Yom War, for instance. MRS. JEWELL M. E Motza Edit.

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